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BIRTHS.

GLYNN—December 22, 1928, at Kilrush House, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Glynn, a daughter.

GRAY—December 31, 1928, at 2 Mount Tallant terrace, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Gray, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FORREST and HUNT—December 27, 1928, at the Parish Church, Malahide, County Dublin, by the Rev. Carr Cave, Frederick William Forrest, solicitor, Tipperary, second surviving son of the late William Frederick Forrest, M.A., T.C.D., of 5 Raglan road, Dublin, to Florence Annie, eldest daughter of Henry and Mrs. Hunt, of Woodlawn, Malahide, County Dublin.

HUTCHINSON and SIMMONS—December 5, 1928, at Templehalin Church, by the Rev. W. F. Wilkinson, Richard, youngest son of the late Charles and Mrs. Hutchinson, Killeigh, King's County, to Sarah, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Samuel Simmons, of Ballyclomack, Newbawn, County Wexford.

MOORE and MENARY—December 27, 1928, at Castlerock Parish Church, by the Rev. Canon Hannon, M.A., Rector of Shankill, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Chamberlain, M.A., Rector of Castlerock, the Rev. T. G. Moore, M.A., eldest son of J. J. Moore, Esq., Dublin, to Olive, younger daughter of the late T. G. Menary, Esq., O.B.E., Lurgan.

MURPHY and FLOOD—December 20, 1928, at University Church, St. Stephen's Green, by the Very Reverend Michael Canon O'Doherty, P.P., Clones, assisted by the Reverend Andrew McArdle, S.J., John Baldwin, eldest son of Henry Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Altartate, Clones, to Judith, youngest daughter of the late R. J. Flood, of Killycreeny House, Coothill, and Mrs. Flood, of 47 Cromwell road, Belfast.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ALLEN—On New Year's Day, 1929, at 4 St. Peter's road, Phibsborough, Mary Frances, second daughter of the late Richard Allen, of Wexford. "With Christ, which is far better."

CARAHER—December 31, 1928, at a private Nursing Home, Dublin, John Patrick Caraher, M.D., Tempo, son of Francis and Mrs. Caraher, Donaghmoyne, Carrickmacross. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at 11 a.m. to-day (Wednesday) in Tempo. Funeral immediately after to Catholic Cemetery, Tempo.

CLARKE—December 31, 1928, at 2 Mereham terrace, Warrenpoint, Alexander Clarke, late of Dublin, youngest son of the late Mrs. Clarke, Ard House, Greenhill, King's County, aged 76 years. Funeral private.

DEACON—December 31, 1928, at 2 Langford place, Cork, Helena Jane, widow of Rev. George Deacon, formerly Rector of Dunmanway.

FRENCH—December 31, 1928, at the Convent of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, Laurel Hill, Limerick, Mother Maria French, daughter of the late Martin Joseph, fifth Baron French, and the late Lady French. R.I.P.

HALL—December 31, 1928, at Kentville, Nova Scotia, Thomas Tyndall, elder son of the late William Hall, Gorey, County Wexford, and of Mrs. Hall, 36 Eglinton street, Belfast. Deeply regretted by his loving mother, brothers, sisters, and sister-in-law. (By cable.)

KENNY—January 1, 1929, at Edenvale, Longford, Elizabeth M., wife of Dr. Kenny. Funeral to Abbeyshrule at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday).

LEE—December 30, 1928, at Derrygoue Kilkeel, Co. Down, Anne, widow of the late Harcourt Lee. Funeral to-day (Wednesday), at 1 o'clock.

LLOYD—December 27, 1928, in London, Grace A. J. Lloyd, second daughter of the late Thomas Lloyd, Portland, Cappamore. R.I.P.

MAYBURY—December 30, 1928, at her residence, Sauville, Kilgarvan, Kate, widow of the late James Maybury. "For ever with the Lord."

O'BRIEN—January 1, 1929, at his residence, Willow Mount, Terenure, Dublin, late of Glasgow, William Vincent O'Brien, in his 69th year. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of the late **Miss Bessie Robinson**, 64 Whitworth road, Dublin, desire to return sincere thanks to the many kind friends and sympathisers with them in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept this as a grateful acknowledgment.

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GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

EARLY RADISHES.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Gardening Correspondent says:—

Failing a frame, a little patch of fine, good soil in a warm quarter of the garden may be devoted to sprinkling in a pinch of French Breakfast Radish seed, covering it with half an inch of soil, and over that shaking a little litter, straw if possible, but not sufficient to bury it. It is an old practice, and at one time rather extensive one by market growers. Let it be the true variety of French Breakfast Radish, an oval root with scarlet top and clearly defined white bottom. Birds are villains for the seeds as soon as sown, but the hint given above will keep them off. Lettuce must not be overlooked, and little plants obtained in our nurseries forthwith will give appreciated salad by Easter.

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POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

JANUARY HINTS.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Poultry Correspondent says:—

The weather this winter, so far, has not been too bad for poultry-keepers, if they are able to shelter the birds from the rain. The storms and cold have not lasted, as there have been occasional spells of fine weather; but the wet is an item we have always to expect, and every poultry-keeper should provide against it. We cannot treat birds every day and every week alike during the winter. If there is constant rain we must keep them indoors; if much wind there must be shelter; if fine days come they should be out in the fields; if there is much cold they should be kept continually scratching by occasionally throwing grain into the litter—this will keep them warm. The food should also be suited to the weather, as more warming food, such as maize and meat, is required in cold weather. In this way one must be constantly on the alert, so that egg production does not diminish.

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DANCE DRESSES

By Molly Bawn

IN TO-DAY'S

Weekly Irish Times

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

TOLL OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The Registrar-General's return of births and deaths in the Dublin Registration Area and for ten principal provincial urban areas of the Free State for the week ended December 22 last sets out that the deaths from all causes appertaining to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population—Eleven town districts, 16.9 and 14.8; Dublin Registration Area, 15.9 and 14.6; Dublin County Borough, 16.7 and 14.9; Cork, 17.3 and 15.0; Limerick, 15.9 and 13.2; and Waterford, 21.5 and 21.5.

The deaths from the principal epidemic diseases recorded for the eleven town districts last week were equal to an annual rate of 0.3 per 1,000. Among the 26 deaths registered from all causes for Cork was one from whooping cough.

In the Dublin Registration Area the total number of births registered during the week amounted to 165—89 boys and 96 girls—and the deaths to 152—81 males and 71 females. The deaths registered, omitting the deaths (numbering 23) of persons admitted into public institutions from localities outside the area, represent an annual rate of mortality of 15.9 per 1,000 of the population. During the fifty-one weeks ended with Saturday last, the death rate averaged 14.6, and was 3.0 below the mean rate for the corresponding portions of the ten years 1918-27. The rate for all deaths registered during the fifty-one weeks was 15.6 and during the corresponding periods of the preceding ten years 19.2

DEATHS FROM VARIOUS CAUSES.

Included in the 129 deaths appertaining to the area are one from influenza and three from diarrhœa and enteritis of children under two years. In the three preceding weeks deaths from influenza were 1, 0 and 0, and deaths from diarrhœa and enteritis of children under two years were one, 2 and 0. One death from encephalitis lethargica was registered. Tuberculous disease caused 17 deaths (14 of which were from pulmonary tuberculosis, one from tuberculous meningitis and 2 from other forms of tuberculous disease), as against 10, 12 and 9 from all forms of tuberculosis in the three weeks preceding. Five deaths were caused by cancer, and 17 by diseases of the heart. There were 13 deaths from pneumonia, comprising 7 from broncho-pneumonia, one from lobar-pneumonia and 5 from pneumonia (not otherwise defined). Bronchitis caused 12 deaths. Four accidental deaths, 3 of which were due to scalds and one to burns, were registered.

Among deaths of infants under one year of age, 2 were due to convulsions, 4 to bronchopneumonia, one to lobar-pneumonia, 2 to pneumonia, 3 to diarrhœa and enteritis, one to premature birth, 3 to congenital malformation and 2 to congenital debility.

Twenty-six of the deaths registered during the week appertaining to the area were those of children under 5 years of age, 20 being infants under one year, of whom 7 were under one month old, and 40 deaths were those of persons aged 65 years and upwards, of whom 32 were 70 years of age or over.

Of the 129 deaths recorded, 59 occurred in hospitals and other public institutions.

FIRE-FIGHTING IN DUNDALK.

SUGGESTED MUNICIPAL BRIGADE.

The Dundalk Urban Council are considering the question of providing an up-to-date fire engine and appliances for the town. For years the town, which has a population of sixteen thousand inhabitants, has been without a fire engine, the previous one having been sold as scrap, and not replaced.

Fires have fortunately been rare in Dundalk, but at those which have taken place splendid work has been done by the military, the Civic Guards, and the owners of private fire-extinguishing apparatus.

It has been suggested that the fire engine when purchased should be housed in the military barracks, and manned from there. The Minister for Defence has refused the application, and a further difficulty arises from the fact that the withdrawal of the soldiers from the town will mean that trained fire-fighters will not now be available for this work.

The townspeople are hoping that the Urban Council will train a municipal fire brigade, and supply it with the latest appliances suited to the needs of the town.

"WEEK OF PRAYER."

ARRANGEMENTS IN DUBLIN

Under the auspices of the World's Evangelical Alliance, arrangements have been made throughout the civilised world for the eighty-third observance of the Universal Week of Prayer, which always begins with the first Sunday in the new year; the 1929 observance, therefore, will be from January 6 to 12 next. The universal invitation and list of topics for prayer for each day of the week are signed by archbishops and bishops of the Anglican Church, the heads of the Free Churches, and representatives of the Bible and Missionary Societies.

Translated into many foreign languages and dialects, so that native Christians in the mission fields are able to take an intelligent part with their fellow-Christians all over the world, the letter of invitation and list of topics for prayer appeal to all sections of Christendom.

In Dublin central meetings have been arranged at the Mission Hall, 5 Townsend street, each afternoon (Monday to Friday). There will also be evening meetings in other districts.

DUBLIN S.P.C.A.

At the weekly meeting of the Committee of the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which was held at 29 South Frederick street, Dublin, Mr. P. S. Roberts presided. Also present:—Miss Hillis, Miss Tuckey, Mrs. Shewell, Mrs. Power O'Donoghue.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 9. Jubilate, 15. Litany. Hymn, 694. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Note—Men's voices. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, West in E flat "It came upon the midnight clear." Carol.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin, (a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), Lower Baggot street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

DUBLIN BOY'S DEATH.

VAN DRIVER EXONERATED.

That death was due to meningitis, following fracture of the base of the skull, was the verdict returned by the jury at an inquest held by Dr. Louis Byrne, City Coroner, in Steevens's Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, on a boy named Hubert Bradley (9), of Ussher street, who died in the hospital last Monday.

From the evidence it appeared that the boy was crossing the road on December 21 from the Liffey side of Ussher's quay, when he was knocked down by a delivery van the property of Messrs. Lipton and Co., Dame street, and driven by James McCarthy, of Croydon Park, Marino. After the accident the injured boy was taken to Steevens's Hospital, where he was treated for concussion of the brain and abrasions on the left side of the face.

Thomas Ryan, St. Andrew's terrace, High street, stated that whilst walking along Ussher's quay on December 21 he saw three or four boys run from behind a motor lorry. They ran right in front of Lipton's van, one of them being knocked down.

The medical evidence showed that the base of the skull was fractured, which could be caused by a fall. Dr. Townsend, house surgeon of Steevens's Hospital, who made the *post-mortem* examination, said that, in his opinion, the wheel of the motor van did not pass over the body, and the injuries could have been caused by the boy striking his head against the ground on falling.

The jury found as stated, exonerated the driver, and recommended the relatives to the kind consideration of Messrs. Lipton and Co.

Mr. E. H. Burne, solicitor, appeared for Messrs. Lipton and Co. Inspector Curran represented the Civic Guards.

DEATH FROM BURNS.

AGED WOMAN'S END IN DUBLIN.

Dr. Brennan, the South County Dublin Coroner, held an inquest yesterday afternoon in the Royal City of Dublin Hospital on the body of Miss Margaret Carr (75), 10 Sandford road, Dublin, who died on the previous day as the result of burns.

Mr. William Farrell, 10 Sandford road, stated that Miss Carr had a room in his house since 1921. On the previous day, at 5.30, in consequence of what he heard, he went to the room, and saw her lying on the floor. A priest and a doctor were with her. She was alive at the time, but unconscious.

Peter Farrell, a son of the previous witness, stated that at about 5 o'clock on the previous evening he went to Miss Carr's room with firewood. The room was full of smoke, and there was a candle on the table. Miss Carr was lying on the floor, and her clothes were burned from the shoulders to the waist. She was breathing hard. He gave the alarm, and went for a doctor.

Answering the Coroner, he said that there were no flames in the room when he entered.

Mr. William Farrell, recalled, stated that Miss Carr sometimes used to fall forward on her face. She was accustomed to sleep in a chair after dinner.

Miss Kate Doody, maid, employed by Mr Farrell, stated that at 3.30 Miss Carr came downstairs from her room, and got her to thread some needles for her. That was the last time that she saw her until Peter Farrell told her that she was burned.

Miss Margaret Lawlor, 12 Haddington road, a cousin of the deceased woman, stated that she did not see Miss Carr for over a year. She was well when the witness saw her last.

The House Surgeon of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital stated that Miss Carr died on the previous evening at about 8.30 from shock following burns.

The Coroner found according to the medical evidence.

Inspector O'Neill and Sergeant Butler represented the Civic Guards.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN THE NORTH.

DIVERGENT VIEWS AT STRABANE MEETING.

At the meeting of the Strabane and Castlederg Regional Education Committee, which was held in the Technical Schools, Strabane, yesterday, Mr. Robert Bell said that school attendance was on the down grade in the six counties.

Mr. Robert Lyons, J.P., said that could not be said for the district from which he came—the Donemana district, where the school attendance was still increasing.

Mr. Bell said that all over the six counties, except in the County Fermanagh and here school attendance had gone down, and was still going down.

On the question of doctors' certificates for children who were absent from school through illness, Mr. William Rankin, J.P., complained that parents were being made to pay for medical certificates.

The Chairman (Captain Herdman, D.L.), said that they could not insist upon medical certificates, and Mr. Joseph Mills said that they should not apply to country children at all.

Mr. William Rankin, J.P., said that the poor man was unable to pay for his medical certificate.

Mr. Thomas Stewart said that if the school attendance officer was satisfied as to the child's illness there was no necessity for a certificate.

Mr. Rankin said that there was a regular batch of them at the last meeting.

Mr. Charles Browne, J.P., said that if parents satisfied the School Attendance Committee with a reasonable excuse there was no prosecution, but the parents did not, and instead came to the Bench with a doctor's certificates and got the cases dismissed, which was wholly unfair. However, this state of affairs would be remedied. It was decided to inform the teachers that medical certificates need not be insisted upon if they were satisfied as to the children's illness.

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THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

A meeting of the Dublin Clerical Association will be held on Monday next at 37 Dawson street, at 2.30.

The portion for Greek Testament study will be I. Thessalonians. A paper will be read by Canon Chamberlain on "The Child and Sunday," the speakers being the Rev. H. G. Forde and the Rev. B. L. Handy.

At the Advent Ordination held by the Bishop of Liverpool, in Liverpool Cathedral, on Sunday, December 23rd, Frederick Noel Mervyn, B.A., St. Chad's College, Durham, and Ely Theological College, son of the late Rev. George Gore Mervyn, M.A., Vicar of Ballymacarrett, Belfast, and treasurer of Down Cathedral, was made Deacon for the Parish of St. Dunstan, Earle road, Edge Hill, Liverpool.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev. Randall C. Phillips, has a busy programme already arranged for the opening weeks of the New Year. In addition to preaching at a Broadcast Service in Belfast, he is to preach at the noon Service in the Central Hall, Manchester, and at the dinner hour Service in Wesley Chapel, London. He is also undertaking a presidential tour in the West of Ireland, and will preach and address meetings in Sligo, Ballymote, Manorhamilton, Ballina, Castlebar, Longford and Drumshambo.

The new Methodist Church at Cregagh, Belfast, is shortly to have a pipe organ installed. Councillor C. E. Bourke, J.P., with his accustomed generosity, has promised £500 towards its cost, and a sale of work in aid of the balance required has brought in £300.

The Rev. J. C. Robertson, M.A., B.D., who is Dean of Residence for Methodist students at the Queen's University, Belfast, gave an "At Home" to these students recently at Edgehill College. Some eighty of the undergraduates accepted the invitation. They were joined by the twenty-five students of the Edgehill Theological College, and a delightful evening was spent together.

In the death of Mr. Andrew C. Caughey, of Auckand, New Zealand, Irish Methodism loses a staunch friend. A native of Portaferry, Co. Down, Mr. Caughey never forgot the old land, and contributed generously to the upkeep of the churches of his home circuit.

The Rev. R. M. L. Waugh, M.A., B.D., has accepted the invitation of the Newry Circuit to succeed the Rev Edward Whittaker as its superintendent at the Conference of 1930. Mr. Whittaker in that year succeeds the Rev. E. B. Cullen as superintendent of the Lisburn Circuit.

The late Miss Jane McArthur, Speenogne, Burt, Co. Donegal, bequeathed £100 to the Committee of Burt Presbyterian Church to endow a pew.

RECENT WILLS.

BIG BEQUESTS TO CHARITIES.

Mr. Kenneth Edlmann Chalmers, of Blackbrook, Bickley, Kent, and of 8 Fig Tree Court, Temple, E.C., barrister, who died on November 9th last, aged 55 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £182,393 12s. 4d., with net personalty £179,971 18s. 4d. Probate of his will, dated January 26th last, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Agnes June Chalmers, of the same address; his cousin, Francis Joseph Frederick Edlmann, of Founders Court, Lothbury, London, E.C., and Ernald Roger Warne, of 3 Temple Gardens, London, E.C. He left:

An annuity of £80 jointly, with remainder to the survivor for life, to Annie and Jane, sisters of his late nurse, Isabella Kennedy.

£250 to his gardener, Albert

THE CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

HIS VISIT TO DUBLIN.

A NEWLY DISCOVERED LETTER.

(By "G. A. C.")

[From Lien Chi Altangi, to Fum Hoam, first President of the Ceremonial Academy at Peking, in China.]

KNOWING, O Guide of my youth, your undying admiration for the genius of the great Goldsmith who has immortalised the sublime name of Fum Hoam, I have ventured to pay a brief visit to the land of his birth and now write to you from the City of Dublin. Since I have passed beyond the great wall of China, where, as we know, reason is allowed to have the fullest sway over life, I have not met so curious a people or experienced so great a difficulty in understanding habits and customs so different from our own and consequently so far removed from common-sense.

To explain to you the perplexity of my mind, I may relate what was told me soon after my arrival here. It appears that some months ago the State was in grave danger of being overthrown. In its moment of supreme peril, from the disaster that seemed inevitable it was suddenly saved, not by Divine interposition, or by the sword of heroes or the eloquence of patriots, but by the curious expedient of one of the Mandarins—bearing the almost Chinese name of Jinks—quietly retiring to his bed. The simplicity, painlessness and cheapness of this method of averting a revolution is surely worthy of our further enquiry; but it is not yet apparent to me how it could be applied to our Chinese institutions.

LIBERTY.

"Liberty" is a word that is dear to us, O Fum Hoam, and we have to return thanks daily to Heaven for the blessing of that freedom which exists in all its fulness behind that wall which protects the land of our birth. "Liberty" is also held in honour here, and it has been incorporated into the very name of the country. But as plants and animals vary when found in different parts of the world, and as the Pekingese differs from the Irish wolfhound—though both are called dogs—so I am being slowly led to the opinion that freedom is something quite different in this western longitude from the simple thing that it means with us.

When first I landed on these shores my new scarlet silk shoes, which I had never worn, were taken from me; and on my inquiring the reason I was told that the State was now free and that this was the natural consequence. So strange a proceeding led me to investigate the matter further, but the result only left me in greater perplexity. I learnt that in this country there is a great part of the population in such poverty that they are unable to provide themselves with proper boots against the cold of this inclement climate, and that in consequence many incur sickness and die. It would appear to our lucid minds in China that a Free State would delegate some degree of its freedom to such an urgent need of humanity as boots. But, to my surprise, I have been told that when the country was in slavery, boots were free; but that the first thing done by the present Mandarins when they had come into their freedom was to prohibit all freedom in the matter of boots.

Judge of my amazement to learn that the Mandarins are about to take away also that liberty of books which the people had when they were slaves, because they say that while there are certain things which a man may do without being punished by the law, they ought to be punished for reading about them. Surely our own method of dealing with these matters in China is better—to punish doing wrong and not merely reading about it. From these observations you will agree with me that freedom here is strangely different from what we enjoy.

A CUSTOM.

In matters of religion I am happy to observe that the people are as devout in their own way as we are in China; but I have observed that in several of their most cherished customs they do not seem to be altogether consistent. We pay respect to our Sacred Writings by obeying them; but I have noticed in this country some curious inconsistencies between the Sacred Writings and common custom. These, for example, lay down a rule that woman's hair should be worn long: but they make no rule that her skirt should be worn long. No woman here thinks of wearing her hair long; for the shorter their hair can be clipped, the more beautiful they reckon themselves. In the same way, from what I can gather, the shorter their skirts the more beautiful they seem to be.

The curious fact that I have observed, and for which I can get no explanation, is this. The High Priests write long letters every year in which they never mention the short hair which the Sacred Writings condemn, but speak very angrily about short dresses, which are nowhere condemned and, as far as I can gather, never mentioned. All this, O Fum Hoam, Guide of my youth, cannot fail to strike you as strange, and will serve to confirm the truth of that maxim which you instilled into my childish mind, that the farther one gets from the Celestial gates of Peking the farther one gets from reason.

THE INCREDIBLE.

You and I, O Fum Hoam, have often thought ourselves happy in having spoken from our earliest years a rich and melodious language in which our patriots have given to the world a sublime example of the art of oratory, and our poets sung with a music more entrancing than any other tongue. Nothing would induce us to change this glorious inheritance for the primitive tongue which still survives amongst a few of the aboriginal tribes that have hitherto escaped the honour of intermarriage with our imperial race. I was hardly able to hear without derisive laughter that the Mandarins of this strange people have issued an edict declaring that the sooner the people forget the language they all speak, and in which their patriots have pleaded the glorious cause of liberty, the happier and better and more cultured they will be.

You and I have often placed the noble Goldsmith very high amongst the immortals who have not had the opportunity of writing in our own incomparable tongue; but the curious opinion expressed here is that his genius was cramped because he had to work through the medium of an alien tongue, and that the proper instrument for his genius was one of three dialects which he never knew and nobody can ever spell. Which of these dialects is the real medium for the Irish genius the Mandarins have not yet decided.

The people have a not altogether foolish idea that, if they had better houses and boots, they would be happier. But to the Mandarins such an idea seems absurd. Happiness, they maintain, is a matter of talk; and, holding this singular doctrine, they think that they are governing well by forcing the people to be happy in this way. I have been told that they have spent as much money in attempting to make the people happy through their talk as would have built houses for all the homeless and made boots for all the bootless; but this seems to me incredible. I have observed that the climate here seems to have some subtle influence over the mind; for I find myself sometimes slipping into the national characteristic of believing the incredible if only it is repeated several times. I must not now weary your patience any further by these trifles, but I am sure that anything even remotely touching our Goldsmith will win from your Excellency either a smile or a sigh—or, perchance, both.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE "ZOO."

THE NAUGHTY BABY.

A very welcome and substantial Christmas gift for the Dublin Zoological Gardens arrived a few days later than is customary, but it had a long journey to come. The gift consists of a number of monkeys which Dr. A. B. Monks, a Dublin man, who is a surgeon on the Cape Coast, has brought home and presented to the "Zoo." One of them is a baby baboon, very small and very naughty. He greeted a quite well-intentioned visitor yesterday with the contents of his mug of milk, well and truly aimed. Of course, if people will push into his private apartments, what could a poor monkey do but teach them to keep their distance? An older and more sedate member of the new contingent is a chimpanzee, an artful customer; he knows already where Dr. Farrar thinks the apples can be safely hidden. He seems to have been on active service at some time of his life; for one eye is missing, but the one he has left does double work, and very little escapes it.

The other new arrivals are four white-nosed monkeys—putty-nosed is the usual way of describing them; two Mona monkeys and two Patas monkeys.

OCEAN CABLE-LAYING.

MR. MARCH'S LECTURE AT BALLSBRIDGE.

"Ocean Cables: Their Laying and Working," was the subject of a very interesting lecture which Mr. Edgar J. March delivered yesterday afternoon in the Members' Hall at the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, in continuation of the series of lectures for juveniles.

Prefacing his lecture with a series of interesting photographic maps showing the various countries connected by cable, he mentioned that in 1850 the first cable was laid between England and France, and since then there had come into existence a network of 350,000 miles of cables beneath the ocean. In 1857 work was commenced with the Atlantic. In August of that year the first cable-laying expedition set out into the Atlantic from Valentia Island. After a good deal of strenuous work the first cable was landed on the American side in August, 1858, and for the first time England, through the medium of Ireland, was in cable communication with the United States of America.

The cable-laying done by the s.s. Great Eastern was described. She was the largest ship at the time, and was chartered for the purpose. She put out for America from Valentia in 1865. She had laid a great part of the cable when it parted in a depth of three and a half miles of water. The vessel returned to Valentia. In the following year she was able to set out again with a new cable, and in fourteen days landed a cable connecting the two continents.

To illustrate the making of the modern cable several photographs depicting the various stages in the process were shown. Among other matters mentioned was that recently a new cable had been laid across the Pacific Ocean, from Canada to New Zealand, at a cost of nearly three million pounds. Some people might think that with the introduction of "wireless" the cable was going to be useless, but the answer to that was that they were still laying cables and making cable services more efficient. Some time ago a serious fault was found in the old cables, and it was discovered that this was due to the ravages made by a tiny insect in the gutta percha. The antidote was found in the passing of metal round the gutta percha, and so the fault was remedied.

The cable-laying ship at work was described and illustrated. On board it had the new echo sounding device which ascertained the depth of water beneath the ship. The views included a cable being hooked from the ocean bed, the defect found and repaired, and the cable laid again.

RODIN'S "LE BAISER."

WHEN LEWES OPPOSED ITS EXHIBITION.

The objection by certain townspeople of Lewes, Sussex, to the exhibition locally of Rodin's famous sculpture, "Le Baiser," is recalled by news of the death of Mr. Edward T. Warren, of Lewes House, Lewes, the well-known collector of Greek antiques. An American by birth, he settled in Lewes thirty years ago. He began to collect Greek antiques for American museums, and made many notable purchases of gems, marbles and vases. He purchased "Le Baiser," a sculpture worth probably £10,000, and lent it to the Lewes Corporation for exhibition in the Town Hall.

Objections were made by certain townspeople, and the statue was taken back to Mr. Warren's house and placed in the coach-house where it still is to be seen. Mr. Warren's remains will be cremated, and the ashes will be conveyed to Italy, where they will be laid beside those of his old friend, Mr. John Marshall, who will be remembered for his exposure of some art frauds on the Continent.

MISS BARBARA GROSVENOR.

WEDDING PRESENT FROM THE QUEEN.

Among the wedding presents received by Miss Barbara Grosvenor, daughter of Lord and Lady Arthur Grosvenor, on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Lieutenant Viscount Dunwich, eldest son and heir of the Earl of Stradbroke, is one from the Queen, consisting of a set of blue enamel tea spoons and tea knives. "With best wishes."

Other gifts include a diamond necklace and diamond ear-rings from the Earl of Stradbroke, a diamond brooch from the Countess of Stradbroke and a diamond pendant from the Countess Grosvenor. The people of Broxton, Cheshire, presented her with an oak dining table, ten chairs and two carvers. She has also received a silver coffee set from past and present members of the staff of Broxton Lower Hall.

BRITISH LEGION BAL MASQUE.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The judges of costumes at the very successful Bal Masqué held by the British Legion at the Plaza, Dublin, on New Year's Eve were: Miss Macnie, Mr. Dermod O'Brien, P.R.H.A., and Dr. Walter Starkie, F.T.C.D. The prize-winners were:—

Ladies.—Most Original—Miss Hanna, "Clock." Most Humorous—Miss Nash, "Baby." Best All-round—Mrs. George Shackleton, "Burmese Lady."

Gentlemen.—Most Original—Mr. G. A. Watson, "X. Ray." Most Humorous—Mr. F. W. S. Harkness, "Sleepless Nights." Best All-round—Mr. P. J. Munden, "Argentina."

Best Pair—Mr. Nolan and Miss Marian D'Avigdor, "Lady and Gentleman, Period Louis XV."

Best Group—Dr. and Mrs. Walter Doolin, Mr. and Mrs. Doolin, Dr. and Mrs. Hegerty and Mr. Rearden, "Masqueraders."

Highly Commended—Mrs. Kennan, "Free State Coinage"; Mrs. Dermot Malcolmson, "British Legion"; Miss Bouchier, "Spanish Lady"; Mr. R. H. Dodd, "Wooden Soldier"; Mr. Hamilton Lambert, "Varsity Drag"; Colonel Rowan, "Bengal Lancer"; Mr. A. G. Ormsby, "Highlander"; Misses Brittain, "Early Victorian"; Miss L. Switzer and Mr. Crawley, "Russian Pair"; Miss L. Brennan and Mr. Spiro, "Spanish Lady and Gentleman."

EX-KAISER SELLS WATTEAU PICTURE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THE HAGUE, Tuesday.

Mr. James Bache, an art collector of New York, has purchased a Watteau picture, representing two French comedians, from the collection of the ex-Kaiser at Doorn.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

Sunday Observance : Snow-Covered Flowers : An Athletic Waiter : Hunt Balls. A Tipperary V.C. : "The Red Flag" : Street Artists. Curious Names : A Telephone Dog.

Flowers Under Snow.

We found it thrilling in Dublin recently to wake up and see snow-covered streets and trees laden with white. But in our climate rain soon dispels the snowy landscape. Near Vienna, where snow continues all the winter and lies deep and thick on the ground, snowdrops are often to be found in the forests outside the city at this time of year or a little later. Violets bloom, too, in their deep white bed. In North-West America, if one pushes aside the snow, red berries and little bright blue flowers are found growing beneath it. Thus Swinburne's beautiful lines:

"Nothing is better, I well know
Than love; no amber in cold sea,
Or gathered berries under snow,"

is founded on observation of nature.

Sunday.

It is interesting to note among the changes that time brings how tastes alter as regards the spending of a Sunday or Bank Holiday. According to the *Dublin Penny Journal* of 1832 the question, "Where shall we go on Sunday?" invariably drew the answer: "To the Pile Ends and take our dinner in Pidgeon's house." This refers to what is now the Pigeonhouse, and where in former times there stood a wooden building which served as a watch tower or storehouse. The caretaker was a man named Pidgeon, who, noting that the spot drew crowds of people on holidays, had sufficient commercial instinct to make the place as attractive as possible; to serve good meals and to hire out a boat for rowing, by which means he soon found himself on the high road to fortune.

Waiter and Athlete.

When an Italian waiter in London won the Olympic Marathon some years ago, people gasped at the idea of a waiter, above all others, being a long-distance champion. There is, however, nothing incongruous in the combination, waiter-runner. Nor is there anything exceptional in that of waiter-swimmer. In the Mr. L. Tozer, the winner of the Sandycove Christmas morning swim, few persons apparently, recognised an old friend, "Louie" of the Bailey restaurant.

Publicity is not "Louie's" strong point, so a correspondent is moved to lift the cover of that rare modern dish, "modesty." "Louie" is, in fact, an all-round sport. He is a veritable sea-dog. Every Sunday morning, rain or shine, he plunges into the Forty Foot as joyously as he fetches the soup and joint from the kitchen. Thermometers were not made for him: and he is just as consistent at walking. A long tramp on a Sunday afternoon across the Dublin or Wicklow Hills is to him just a *hors d'œuvre*. At billiards he is an adept, but not quite so skilful as his colleague in the same hostelry, "James"—Mr. James Byrne, billiard champion, whose skill with "the ivories" has brought him many trophies.

An Irish V.C.

With their New Year greetings his many Irish and English friends are sending congratulations to that gallant Tipperary man, Captain George Roland Patrick Roupell, V.C., 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment, on his promotion to the rank of major.

MAJ. ROUPELL, V.C.

Major Roupell won his V.C. for bravery in action at far-famed Hill 60 in 1915. He was then a lieutenant, and, although he had been wounded in several places, he stuck doggedly to his guns and insisted on leading his men in repelling very determined assaults, and succeeded in bringing up reinforcements across shell swept open ground. But the company was practically wiped out in the operation.

He is also a member of the Order of St. George, 4th Class (Russian), was mentioned three times in despatches, and was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre. Major Roupell was born in Tipperary in 1892, and educated at Rossall and Sandhurst. He entered the Army in 1912 and served throughout the war.

Major Roupell's younger brother, Charles, was interned in Ruhleben Camp in Germany during the war, and has been tennis champion of the Royal Air Force for some years.

The Hunt Ball Month.

January is the season of hunt balls, and the majority of Irish hunts will hold their annual functions this month. The first event of the month, the West Waterford Hunt Ball, will be held this evening at Lismore Castle, which has been lent for the occasion by the Duke of Devonshire.

The Coollattin Ball will be held on January 9 at Coollattin House by the courtesy of Earl Fitzwilliam. The earl, the seventh of the line, was born in Canada 56 years ago. He is the son of Viscount Milton, and he is a grandson of Lord Charles Beauclerk. The Countess of Fitzwilliam, whom he married in 1896, is a daughter of the Marquis of Zetland.

Earl Fitzwilliam was formerly member of Parliament for Wakefield, and he is a Justice of the Peace both for West Yorkshire and for County Wicklow. He was aide-de-camp to the late Marquis of Lansdowne in India in 1892-3. Formerly in the Army, he served on the Staff during the South African War, and later held the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He is a member of the Kildare Street Club at Dublin.

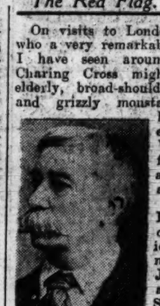
The Telephone Dog.

Some friends of mine have a Sealyham who might be sold at a high price as a trained telephone dog. Biddy hails from Kill-ine, and is about two and a half years old. She is not a dog of tricks—that is, she has not been taught to "beg" or "die for her country," as her owners believe in allowing her to develop along her own lines. They are now reaping a reward for their wisdom, as Biddy answers the telephone on her own account in a way few circus dogs could do. The telephone is some little way off from the living rooms, and the house of Biddy's owners is large and the rooms spacious, with thick walls, so that noises without do not always reach one. Very often the telephone is not heard by members of the family, but at the first tinkle Biddy springs up, leaving unnoticed such attractions as Christmas cake—and turns round and round in circles on her way to the door just as dogs do who expect a stone to be thrown for them. No peace is to be had until the telephone is answered, and if her mistress does not notice her going to the door she barks and runs about.

As soon as the telephone message is taken she settles down again. One day she stood listening near the telephone without moving—her mistress discovered that sounds of other people talking were coming through. Since she was a puppy Biddy has been attracted by the telephone, but in early days she merely screamed when it rang.

"The Red Flag."

On visits to London I have wondered who a very remarkable looking man that I have seen around the Strand and Charing Cross might be. He is tall, elderly, broad-shouldered, with a fierce and grizzly moustache, the broadest-brimmed hat I have ever seen outside a Wild West show, a flaming red tie, and an accent unmistakably Irish.



MR. J. CONNELL.

A friend to whom I spoke of him the other day has now identified my mystery man. He is Mr. Jim Connell, the author of the Socialist anthem, "The Red Flag," and his career seems to have been as picturesque as his appearance. My friend tells me that he wrote "The Red Flag" during the big dock strike of 1889, and that the first stanza was composed in a railway carriage on a journey from Charing Cross to New Cross. Its original air was the lively old Irish Jacobite tune, "An Cnota Bán," or "The White Cockade." But it is generally sung—to its author's discomfort—to the German folk-air, "Tannenbrun," which George Bernard Shaw once said was "like the funeral march of a fried eel."

Mr. Connell was born at Kilskyre, Co. Meath, and is nearly eighty years old. In his time he has been a Fenian and a Land Leaguer, as well as a Socialist, and nearly every prominent Irish politician and journalist in London in the last two generations has been one of his acquaintances.

In his younger days he was a famous poacher, and I believe he has written an interesting book, entitled "Confessions of a Poacher."

A New Robinson Play.

The announcement that a new play by Mr. Lennox Robinson is soon to be produced in London is certain to be noted in Ireland with great interest. The play is "Give a Dog . . . ," which was published some few months ago by Messrs. Macmillan in a volume entitled "Plays," has not yet been staged in Dublin, so London will have the first opportunity to see it on the stage. The play is to be produced for the Repertory Players, one of the London "Sunday Societies," by Sir Nigel Playfair on Sunday, January 20th, at a theatre which has not yet been named.

"Give a Dog . . ." is something out of Mr. Robinson's ordinary style; there is not even a trace of Ireland in it. The scene is London, and the play is something of a moral tale on the theme that "silence is golden." The effects of loose talk and malicious gossip are shown in relation to a promising architect and a young actress. Going home one night the young man overtook a girl trudging along in the rain; he offered a lift; the girl fainted in the car, and in an effort to prevent her from falling the driver allowed his grip of the wheel to relax so that the car struck a lamp-standard. When this simple incident was embroidered it made a lurid tale, with the result that the young man decided he might as well have the gain as the name. He gave a party at his flat to a number of chorus girls, but when the time came for leaving no taxi was to be had, and his fainting girl had to stay the night. In the morning she was found dead in bed. The complications of this situation give the "dog" as bad a name as he could desire.

The Street Painter.

For some time back I have noticed the disappearance from Dublin of the gutter artists—even the one-legged man who for years had his pitch at the corner of York street is not to be seen nowadays. I never have seen those men at work, as always their chalk drawings appeared to be ready-made and were placed side by side in the gutter to be inspected by passers-by, many of whom would drop coppers into the caps that invariably were to be found lying on one or other of the drawings.

Recently I came across a real live gutter artist who displayed his work on the footpath outside the Municipal Art Gallery in Harcourt street; and, as the pedestrians stood to gaze on his small canvases, he showed his skill by drawing pictures in vari-coloured chalk on the pavement.

Yesterday, however, I discovered a painter, a low-sized, intelligent-looking man, with steel-grey hair, on St. Stephen's Green, hard by the College of Surgeons. He was the first street painter that ever I have seen. He was equipped with a palette and easel; and, with deft touches of his facile brush, he painted a scene from a postcard fixed on a top corner of his canvas. The novel street scene attracted a large "gallery," and new Free State coins were much in evidence.

Heir for the House of Dromana.

I was interested to hear, writes a correspondent, that Mrs. Villiers Stuart had presented her husband with a son and heir, and that they are expected back to Dromana, Cappoquin, in a few days from London. Mr. Ion Villiers Stuart is son of the late Major Henry Villiers Stuart, whom I knew well when I served under him in the old South of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry, afterwards called the South Irish Horse. His grandfather succeeded to the extensive estates of Lord Stuart of Decies in 1874, and was M.P. for Waterford in two Parliaments. Mr. Gerald Villiers Stuart, the novelist, who is a member of this family, once said that every conspiracy ever hatched in Ireland had its origin in the ancestral home of the Geraldines. The Villiers Stuarts were formerly the lords of Dromana, and previously the Geraldines. I always looked out for "ye castle of Dromayne," which stands on a high rock on the left bank of the picturesque River Blackwater, three miles from Cappoquin, whenever I went by steamer from Cappoquin to Youghal, which, I am sorry to say, does not run now. Dromana House is one of the show places in the South of Ireland, and of special interest is the old Moorish Bridge at the entrance.

MR. I. VILLIERS STUART.

The King's Chaplain.

The Royal Zoological Society of Ireland have secured a very interesting speaker for their annual meeting on January 22. The distinguished ornithologist, the Rev. Charles E. Raven, D.D., Canon of Liverpool and Chaplain to the King, is to come over for the occasion.

This will not be Dr. Raven's first visit to this country; he was Donnellan Lecturer here some years ago and has preached here in connection with a Church Mission. He served as Chaplain to the Forces overseas during the war, and earned a very fine record of work.

'Dublin's Lord Mayor.

The reference in Saturday's "Diary" to the fact that at the beginning of last century Dublin's Lord Mayor was a Baron of the realm during his term of office, reminds a correspondent that this year will be the seventh centenary of the first mayoralty in Ireland.

It was in June, 1229, in the thirteenth year of his reign, that King Henry III. granted permission "to the citizens of Dublin, and their heirs, to elect from among themselves annually a loyal and discreet Mayor, proper for the government of that city, and who, on his election, shall swear fealty to the King or to his Justiciary in his absence." The Mayor was to hold office during one year, at the expiration of which the citizens might retain him or elect another. The first bearer of the new title was Richard Muton, and at the first meeting of the Mayoralty and Commonalty, and with the assent of the then Justiciary, Lord Gilbert del Lyuet, they made to William Fitz-Robert, "Clerk of the city, for his good and faithful service, a plot of ground at the New Gate . . . at the yearly rent of one pound of pepper to the Prevosts of Dublin."

In the troubled year 1641, at the special request of Robert Sydney, Earl of Leicester, then Lieutenant-General of Ireland, it is recorded that King Charles I., "for the greater honour of the city of Dublin . . . grants that the Mayor of the city during the time of his being in office shall be named and styled the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, and his wife, Lady, Madam or Dame."

Almanacs.

Almanacs can hardly be classed as literature, yet some eminent literary men have at various times devoted themselves to their compilation. John Evelyn, for instance, was responsible for the first "Gardener's Almanac," published in 1664, and inserted therein at least one sage counsel often quoted by Sir Walter Scott—that every man for his health's sake should take a country walk of a mile every morning, and, if possible, let it be on his own ground. Swift, too, once dabbled in calendar making to confound the egregious Partridge, and Benjamin Franklin was the compiler of "Poor Robin's Almanac," published in Philadelphia for over a quarter of a century. In the spaces occurring between the remarkable days in the calendar Franklin inserted proverbs and aphorisms of his own devising, inculcating industry, prudence, frugality, etc., a selection of which, collected and published in book form in 1757, enjoyed immense popularity on both sides of the Atlantic.

Canon Connell's Jubilee.

In a few months' time the Rev. Canon John Connell, M.A., will celebrate his silver jubilee as Rector of Clontarf Parish, Dublin.

The Rev. Canon Connell obtained the B.A. degree, with Divinity Testimonium, in Trinity College, Dublin, in 1884, and M.A. degree in 1894. He was curate of St. George's Parish, Dublin, 1885-1888; curate of Widnes, 1888-1889, and of Holywood, Co. Down, from 1889-1896. In that year he was appointed incumbent of Drumcondra with North Strand, Dublin, and in 1904 was appointed rector of Clontarf. Though in the autumn of his lifetime, Canon Connell is still hale and hearty, and can be seen daily, in all sorts of weather, on his "push" bicycle going through the parish visiting his parishioners, by whom he is much beloved.

CANON CONNELL.

Clontarf is one of the few parishes in which the Church of Ireland population is increasing, and this is due to the large number of houses recently erected between Fairview and Dollymount. The parochial work is extremely well organised by Canon and Mrs. Connell and by lay members of the congregation.

Burning Leaves.

A correspondent writes:—Burning leaves in Phœnix Park was the subject of a complaint made some time ago in your Diary. The writer described it as a dangerous and wasteful act. It is neither dangerous nor wasteful, but, under the existing conditions, is the most economic way of dealing with this side of Park management. I am a constant visitor to the Park, and as one whose experience of aboriculture and horticulture is pretty extensive, I think it is only just to point out that the present staff employed in the Park could not possibly gather the fallen leaves—even if they worked the 24 hours of the day—and cart them to a central place for conversion to leaf mould. That being out of the question, they did the next best thing. They burn the leaves less suitable for making mould, while they collect thousands of loads of the leaves suitable for making mould, which will be apparent to anyone visiting the working *dépôts*. Every workman engaged in the burning of leaves is under strict orders to light them only at a safe distance and to leeward of roadways, buildings and trees.

Curious Names.

Hunting through the pages of an old Dublin Directory for the address of a friend, I came across some streets with curious names. "Cromwell's Quarters," for instance—one can almost hear the tramp of armed men. Perhaps, Dubliners will be surprised to learn that their city contains a Bond street, but, as it is in the neighbourhood of Grand Canal Harbour, it can hardly be compared with its London namesake. Then there are Carman's Hall, Thundercut alley and Manypenny Yard. One wonders if there is a tinge of bitterness in the inhabitants of Wormwood Gate, and is it possible that in Cuckoo lane, in the heart of the slums, the harbinger of spring is ever heard?

Hockey Captains.

What is the best position for the hockey captain to hold in the team? The six leading Dublin teams will not assist you in answering the question. F. Hannon, Pembroke Wanderers, is a goalkeeper. Monkstown's skipper, V. G. Williams, is a right full back. W. Chiddick, captains the Railway Union eleven from the centre half position. E. G. Fitt plays centre forward for Dublin University; C. W. Cook inside left for Kingstown Grammar School; and J. M. Eyre, inside right for Three Rock Rovers. Six captains and six different positions.

Some Sportsman.

Near Baldonnel the other afternoon a motor cyclist with a gun strapped to his shoulder flashed past me. I should say his super-sports model was doing over 50 miles per hour. But what surprised me most was the fact that he carried his retriever perched on the tank of the motor cycle. The dog did not appear to be the least bit perturbed with his precarious position.

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HOAXES BY DEAD HANDS.

WILLS THAT DISTRIBUTE NON-EXISTENT WEALTH.

A CONTINENTAL DISCOVERY.

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

WILLS are scarcely the place for tricks and hoaxes; yet it has occurred to many men to have a grim jest with friends and relatives at the last, knowing that, when the hoax is exposed, they will be safe from punishment.

A will that reads like one concocted by a romantic novelist has been giving Czecho-Slovakia a series of thrills and ultimate disillusionment. A woodcutter found it in the hollow of an oak tree. The will, a time-stained document, proved, on examination, to have been made as far back as 1725. It disposed of certain treasure, which included seven iron barrels of silver, twelve studded barrels of gold, three iron barrels of old plate, as well as guns and trophies. Whosoever found the will in its hiding place was instructed to explore a certain rock, where a concealed cave would be disclosed, and the key to the magic door was to be found under the rock.

UNSEALING THE HOARD.

The authorities at once took solemn charge of the plans for unsealing this secret hoard, with large parties of railway navvies for digging. They have found no rock, and consequently no magic cave, and it is now thought that the testator was jesting; for there is no doubt as to the age of the document.

Many hoaxes by will have been prompted by curious motives. The meanest was assuredly that of a man who left £5,000 apiece to three famous hospitals, but left no means to pay the bequests. It was suggested that he probably contemplated that his name would be widely advertised as a benefactor, but it was short-sighted and heartless vanity.

We may be rather more sympathetic with the Scots merchant who agreeably surprised his lawyer by the munificent nature of the instructions of his will. The solicitor made his notes, but at last felt compelled to ask his client whether he was sure that his assets would be sufficient to meet all his gifts. "Of course they will not," said the Scotsman, laughing; "but I want to show my friends what I would have done for them if I had had the means."

PITIED EXECUTORS.

Executors who have to deal with these hoaxes of dead hands are to be pitied. There was a Mr. George who left a considerable estate to a son and daughter by a woman whom he had married in a Plymouth church. It was stated in the will that his wife had subsequently eloped, but he still wished to be remembered by the two children whom she had taken with her. His wishes gave his executors nearly seven years of worry. The registers of churches at Plymouth in Devonshire and the Plymouths in the Dominions were examined, and the aid of Somerset House enlisted, but all in vain. The marriage and the children appeared to have been entirely imaginary.

A cruel hospital hoax was that of a patient who obtained many special acts of attention by lavish promises of what he intended to do in his will. To give plausibility to his pretensions he asked that the solicitor to the institution should be summoned to his bedside, and he then gave instructions. When he died it was found that he had left to the hospital mortgages and property amounting to several thousand pounds; but investigation showed that the man had been "known to the police" all his life, and had not the shadow of a claim to the properties mentioned in his will.

NOT GUILTY!

Women have seldom been guilty of these sorry jests against friends. In two instances their hoaxes were due to great expectations not realised. One woman left a quarter of a million to be distributed among her relatives and institutions, but was found to be actually worth less than a hundred pounds. Her hopes had been based on the mythical report of a large legacy and a curious illusion that she was entitled to valuable property.

Another unhappy woman who died unmarried hid a broken romance in her will. She was to have certain settlements on her marriage, and had presumably calculated on them in her haste to make dispositions among her friends. The wedding did not take place, and she died worth a few hundreds instead of the £70,000 that her executors were charged to distribute.

A West Country spinster desired that a church should be erected and endowed in her memory. After her death, however, it was found that the fortune which she had inherited from her father had been spent ostentatiously during her lifetime and that there was nothing left.

GUIDANCE FOR AIR PILOTS.

NEW WEATHER-REPORTING SYSTEM.

A new international weather-reporting system for the guidance of air liner pilots came into operation yesterday. The whole of Europe and Northern Africa has been divided into zones, from which regular information as to conditions is broadcast by wireless at short intervals.

These reports are collected by control towers at the various international aerodromes, and sent out by wireless telephony to air liners in actual flight. Thus the pilot of one of the great twenty-seater Armstrong-Siddeley air liners flying from London to, say, Switzerland would receive intelligence from Paris of the weather ahead of him in France, and as he approached Switzerland further reports from that country would reach him from the control tower at Basle Aerodrome.

DANCE AND BRIDGE TOURNAMENT.

A dance and bridge tournament, organised by the Diocesan School Old Boys' Union, Dublin, in aid of the finances of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Wednesday, January 9th. The hospital is the only one of its kind in Ireland, and is one of the oldest and most deserving of Dublin charities. It is non-sectarian, and patients are admitted from all over Ireland. For 200 years it has been caring for the bodily comfort of the incurables, who are maintained for life free of charge. The dance and bridge tournament promise to be largely patronised. The Rogers-May Metropole band will be in attendance, and dancing will take place from 8 to 12 o'clock.

POLICEMAN KILLED IN ILLICIT STILL RAID.

WINNIPEG, Tuesday.

Sergeant Nicholson, of the Royal Canadian Police, has been shot and killed by the owner of an illicit whiskey still on a farm at Molson, Manitoba, which was being raided by a party of police.—(Reuter.)

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0 — Weather Forecast and Gramaphone Record Recital. 6.0—Gramaphone Concert. 6.15—Lair i dTir na n-Og; Ann Penhallow, Gerard Crofts, Colonel Fitzmaurice. 7.0 — Gramaphone Concert. 7.30 — Gaedhilg? Micheal O Maolain as Araiun 7.45—German: O von Wenckstern. 8.0—Workers' Union of Ireland Brass and Reed Band: The March of Youth (Typebbha), Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni), Rosamunde Overture (Schubert). 8.30—Hilda Dobbs (soprano): Young Love Lies Sleeping (Somervell), Spring Is Here (Somervell), Whither Must I Wander (V. Williams), The Water Mill (V. Williams), Orpheus With His Late (V. Williams). 8.45—Workers' Union of Ireland Brass and Reed Band: Donauweilen (Ivanovici), Serenade, Schubert (Hartmann), Maritana (Wallace). 9.15 — T. W. Hall (baritone): New Year's Song (17th Century: Mallinson), The Templar's Song ("Ivanhoe") (Sullivan), Chumleigh Fair (Holliday), Old Clothes and Fine Clothes (Shaw), Onaway Awake Beloved (Cowen).

9.30—The Marchioness MacSwiney, of Mashanaglass, with Joan Burke and Jean Nolan, in a programme of her compositions: (1) Piano, Waltz; (2) Joan Burke, Across the Door, Sea Voices, A Rose in Name and Beauty, Tears; (3) Minuet for Violin and Piano; (4) Jean Nolan, Adieu du Matin, Chanson Grise, Les deux Roses, Quand ton Sourire, Song from Greece; (5) Trio (Violin, 'Cello, and Piano); (6) Joan Burke, Lyrics from the Princess, A Friend Expected, Why Does She So Long Delay; (7) Tarantella (Violin and Piano). 10.0—"From the Opera" Station Opera Company, with Miss Macklin (soprano). 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 metres (980 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Gramophone Records. 4.0—Light Music: the Radio Quartet, John Vine (tenor). 5.0—"Irish New Year Customs," by Ruddick Miller. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Organ Recital by Charles Howlett, relayed from the Classic Cinema. 6.15—S.E. from London. 6.30—Royal Horticultural Society's Bulletin. 6.40—S.E. from London.

7.45—Muriel Cluide (contralto), Hilda Johnston (reader), Claude de Ville (pianoforte), Orchestra. 9.0—London. 9.35—Variety: May Jones (impressions), P. J. McCaffrey's Mouth Organ Five, Mason and Leary (American Songs and Duets at the piano), Jack Chambers (baritone), Walter Todd (entertainer), Variety Band, conducted by Harold Lowe. 10.30-11.0—Dance Music: Larry Brennan and his Piccadilly Revellers, relayed from the Plaza.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres (830 Kc.) and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,562.5 Metres (192 Kc.).

10.15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 11.0—Gramaphone Records. 12.0—Dorothy Stanton (soprano), Phyllis Nash (violin). 12.30—A Recital of Gramaphone Records. 1.0-2.0—Frascati's Orchestra. 3.0—A Ballad Concert. 3.45—A Light Classical Concert. 4.45—Organ Recital from Madame Tussaud's Cinema. 5.15—The Children's Hour.

6.0—A Recital of Gramaphone Records. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.45—The Foundations of Music: Beethoven's Sonatas for Violin and Pianoforte. 7.0—Dr. C. F. White (Medical Officer of the Port of London): "Health Work in a Great Port." 7.25—Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers: "In the Children's Library."

7.45—An Orchestral Concert. 9.0—Weather Forecast. 9.15—Topical Talk. 9.35—"The Passing of the Third Floor Back," an idle fancy, by Jerome K. Jerome. 11.0-12.0—Dance Music.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.).

3.0—A Band Concert. 4.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, Doris Palmer (character comedienne). 5.30—The Children's Hour. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.30—Light Music. 8.0—A Short Story Reading by Mr. V. C. Clinton Baddley. 8.30—A Military Band Concert. 10.0—Weather Forecast. 10.15-11.15—Dance Music.

TO-MORROW.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres (980 Kc.).

3.0—London. 4.0—Dance Music: Ernie Mason and his Grand Central Band. 5.0—Miss Edith Gregg: "Women in Public Life—III. Women on the Bench." 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—London.

7.45

BELFAST CIVIC REFORM.

NARROW MAJORITY FOR THE NEW SCHEME.

BILL TO BE PROMOTED IN PARLIAMENT.

The Belfast Corporation yesterday by 32 votes to four, with five members not voting, confirmed the resolution passed at a previous meeting to promote a bill in the next session of the Northern Parliament to bring into operation the scheme for municipal reform outlined by the Lord Mayor's Special Committee and based upon the report of Mr. Arthur Collins, the London municipal expert and accountant. It required an absolute majority of the sixty members of the Corporation to make the resolution effective, and as there was a small attendance and considerable apathy only 32, or one more than the necessary majority voted for the resolution.

The Lord Mayor (Sir William Turner) formally moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Sir William Coates.

OPPOSITION SPEECHES.

Councillor Pierce opposed the bill, and in a long speech described the steps contemplated to vest large powers in committees and executive officers as tyrannical.

Alderman Nixon also took exception to the section conferring executive powers on committees, contending that it would really result in a charter for corruption.

Councillor Henderson said that it would be a grave mistake to give the Council's powers into a small number of six or seven. "Let us have Commissioners if the citizens want Commissioners," he declared. "I am opposed to Commissioners, for I believe we can get sixty men to manage the affairs of the city; but I feel that if this is the class of legislation that is going to be brought in by so-called progressives it is time we had Commissioners. This bill is going to take away the rights of the democratically-elected citizens' representatives, and give them no power at all."

Alderman Byrne (Nationalist) said that the reduction of the committees from fifteen to seven would not enable Nationalists to have fair representation. It would be their duty to protest in every possible way against the bill.

Councillor Kilpatrick (Nationalist) also joined in the protest against the bill, which, he feared, would disfranchise two wards in the city on the General Purposes Committee.

The Lord Mayor, at the close, said he thought that the fears of Alderman Byrne and Councillor Kilpatrick were unfounded. Their party would always get fair play, but no more. They could not legislate for a section.

Alderman Byrne—We only want justice and fair play.

On a poll the motion was declared carried as stated.

FURTHER STAGES.

The bill will have to be approved by a citizens' meeting, and it is understood that considerable opposition will be organised against certain clauses in the measure; and, if these are not actually defeated, thereby endangering the future of the bill, a plebiscite will be demanded to enable the citizens to vote upon the proposed reform scheme.

EX-SOLDIER'S DEATH IN CLUB.

TULLAMORE BARMAN ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

An inquest was opened and adjourned at Tullamore on Patrick Gorman, labourer, O'Molloy street, Tullamore, whose death occurred on Christmas Eve at the club premises of the Tullamore Legion of British ex-Service Men. Another labourer, Paul Keogh, Charleville road, Tullamore, who was employed as barman at the club, is on remand in connection with the occurrence.

Deceased man was an ex-soldier and served through the war.

Sergeant M. O'Connor gave evidence that he detained Paul Keogh on a charge of manslaughter. The accused man was brought before a Peace Commissioner and remanded to the District Court.

The Coroner (Mr. J. Kearney, solicitor) said that it would be necessary to adjourn the inquest until the District Justice had dealt with the case.

KINGSTOWN'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

NEED OF DWELLINGS FOR THE POOR.

At last night's meeting of the Kingstown Urban District Council, Mr. Rollins called attention to the urgent need for houses for the very poor in the township. People were living under conditions in Kingstown, he said, to which he would not subject his horses.

The Chairman (Mr. M. P. O'Donnell) said that they had hoped the Government would have provided money to enable local authorities to proceed with the erection of houses for the working-classes.

Mr. Bentley said that houses were wanted for the very poor, who required two-roomed houses.

Mr. Wallis said that the housing conditions in the township were a disgrace to civilisation.

Mr. Dooge considered that they should approach the banks for a loan.

Mr. Byrne, in extending a welcome to the Rev. Mr. Hall, who had been appointed incumbent of Glenageary, said that he should be asked to interest himself in the housing conditions of the township.

Further consideration of the matter was referred to the Construction Committee.

THREE MEN IN A MOTOR CAR.

OWNER'S PLUCKY FIGHT ON RUNNING BOARD.

When Gilbert Robins, fruit merchant, of Newport (Monmouth) saw his touring motor car moving off late on Monday night he jumped on to the running board and found three men inside. He grappled with the driver, and the car collided with a house. Two men who partially stunned Robins made off, but the man at the wheel reversed and started off again.

Robins mounted the running board a second time, struck the driver, and grabbed the steering wheel, and the car crashed through railings around a house and fell into a basement area. A stone pillar fell into a basement room where the family were in bed, and they escaped death by inches. The man at the wheel escaped in the confusion.

Robins, before he collapsed, described the driver as about 22 years of age, respectably dressed, and evidently an expert at handling cars. The other occupants were about 18.

Mr. William Edwards, who was in the basement, received cuts on the forehead. Furniture and crockery were smashed.

KILKENNY ASYLUM FINANCES.

The estimate of expenditure in the Kilkenny Mental Hospital for the ensuing financial year, which was adopted by the Committee last Monday, amounts to £22,114, representing a decrease of £852 on the estimated expenditure for the current year. The principal items in the estimate are:—Salaries £9,350, superannuations £1,264, provisions and groceries £7,500, fuel and light £1,700, repayment on loans £1,500.

The number of patients in the institution is 465.

TYRONE MAN'S GUN.

William J. Farrell, Meenbog, Drumquin, was fined 10s. and costs at Omagh Petty Sessions for possession of a shot-gun for which he had no firearm certificate. The gun was ordered to be forfeited.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Patrick Convey (70), labourer, of Ballydrohid, Tullamore, was found dead in bed. He was an Army pensioner, and spent some time in the County Home, Tullamore, before going to live at Ballydrohid.

TRADE OF DERRY PORT.

SHIPPING AND REVENUE TOUCH HIGH LEVEL.

The trade of Londonderry Port during 1928 touched a gratifyingly high level. The revenue was £41,000, which is £1,500 higher than the previous year, and is the highest on record, except for the years 1924, when it was £41,821, and 1922, when it was £41,412.

The registered tonnage trading to the port reached a total of 1,119,475, which was only once previously exceeded, when in 1925 it was 80,000 higher. The increase in 1928 as compared with the previous year was 40,000, the increase being in the home trade, which jumped from 277,663 tons to 318,514. There was a 10,000 tons decrease in foreign trade, and a 4,000 tons decrease in the trans-Atlantic steamers.

The coal imports amounted to 180,000 tons, as compared with 183,671 in 1927, and the maize imports jumped from 60,361 tons in 1927 to 67,325 in 1928.

LIVE STOCK.

The live stock industry is again on the upgrade, after the zero year of 1927. Although the exports of cattle for 1928 are by no means the best that have been experienced they represent a fairly good average. The quality of stock produced in Northern Ireland is steadily improving, and given normal conditions of trade in Great Britain there is no reason why this branch of agriculture should not yield the Irish farmer satisfactory results in the near future. Prices of stock are low at present, particularly for animals not up to standard quality, but a good market is still obtainable for the best bred sorts. Both sheep and pigs are steadily increasing items of export, and both are yielding satisfactory results to the producers.

The number of cattle shipped to Glasgow in 1928 was 55,047, as compared with 43,086 in 1927. But last year's figures are below 1924, when they reached 66,877. The cattle shipments to Liverpool last year amounted to 5,382, as compared with 3,493 the previous year. They are, however, still below the years from 1919 to 1924. The cattle exports to Heysham amounted to 9,908, as compared with 6,766 in 1927, but the exports in the post-war years up to 1925 were considerably in excess of this.

SHEEP AND PIGS.

The sheep shipments to Glasgow in 1928 amounted to 4,644, as compared with 2,918 in 1927, but they are below those of 1918, when they were 6,253. The sheep exports to Liverpool amounted to 16,817, as compared with 11,852 in 1927, and the highest since 1924 The sheep shipments to Heysham were 13,088, as against 12,569 in 1927, and are easily the highest since the war.

The pigs shipped to Glasgow in 1928 were 1,761, as compared with 2,189 in 1927. The shipments of pigs to Liverpool, however, jumped from 572 in 1927 to 2,150 in 1928, and to Heysham from 1,258 in 1927 to 2,340 last year.

PUBLIC AUDITORS.

FREE STATE APPOINTMENTS.

Last night's *Dublin Gazette* states that the Minister for Finance has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to act as Public Auditors for the Irish Free State, for the year ending 31st December, 1929, under the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896 (59 and 60 Vic., Cap. 25), and the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1913 (56 and 57 Vic., Cap. 39, and 3 and 4 Geo. V., Cap. 31), namely:—

Anderson, W. H., 52 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin, and Knox street, Ballina; Barton, J. H., 34 Dame street, Dublin; Belton, Owen J., 77 Clanbrassil street, Dundalk; Brew, J. E., 11 South Mall, Cork; Brown, John, 23 Exchequer street, Dublin; Buckley, J., 46 and 47 Dame street, Dublin; Burns, E. G., 116 Grafton street, Dublin, and 91a South Mall, Cork; Carton, David, 85 and 86 Grafton street, Dublin, and Friar street, Thurles; Connolly, Edward Leo, Fermanagh street, Clones, and 12 Second Floor, Coates' Buildings, Castle street, Belfast; Cremin, Cornelius, 9 Westmoreland street, Dublin; Crowley, Vincent, 37 Westmoreland street, Dublin; Deevy, William A., 29 Barronstrand street, Waterford, 40 Parliament street, Kilkenny, and Custom House Quay, Wexford; Deey, P., 16 Dawson street, Dublin; Donnelly, John, 8 Nassau street, Dublin; Ferguson, J. C., 41 and 42 The Mall, Waterford; Flinn, T. Condren, 31 Dame street, Dublin; Goodall, Thomas, 29 South Mall, Cork; Kilkeary, J. A., 27 South Mall, Cork; Lynch, Michael, 69 and 70 Dame street, Dublin; Magee, Charles, 77 and 78 Dame street, Dublin, and 1 Wellington place, Belfast; Magennis, A. J., 50 South Mall, Cork; Mathews, Richard, 40 Barronstrand street, Waterford; McConnell, John L., 1a Lower Ormond quay, Dublin, and Albert street, Sligo; McNally, M. J., 12 to 14 College Green, Dublin; Molony, J. H. D., 13 Dame street, Dublin; O Cionnaith, Liam, 9 O'Connell street, Lower, Dublin; O'Connell, Eugene, 24 Dame street, Dublin; O'Connor, Donal, 13 Westmoreland street, Dublin; O'Connor, F. R., 10 Westmoreland street, Dublin; O'Doherty, William, 9 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin, and 28 Upper Clare street, Limerick; O'Leary, John, Trinity Chambers, Cork; Ormsby, Arthur, 12 to 14 College Green, Dublin; Parkhill, A. R., 151 Thomas street, Dublin, and 18 Frederick street, Belfast; Peterson, William C., 7 Dawson street, Dublin; Plunkett, Pelham A. S., 32 Nassau street, Dublin, 108 Quay, Waterford, and 70 South Mall, Cork; Purnell, Henry George, 49 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin; Purtill, Michael J. A., 16 College Green, Dublin, and 99 O'Connell street, Limerick; Reilly, John, "Eglinton," Sandymount, Dublin; Storey, A. C., 3-4 College street, Dublin; Swain, Albert, Ulster Bank Chambers, 3 and 4 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin; and 112 O'Connell street, Limerick; Tulloch, G. H., 39 to 41 Dame street, Dublin; Williams, T. H., 28 Glentworth street, Limerick.

FUNERAL OF MR. GEORGE NUGENT OULTON, K.C.

The funeral took place from St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, to Mount Jerome Cemetery yesterday of Mr. George Nugent Oulton, K.C. The Funeral Service was conducted by the Ven. Harvey Stewart, Archdeacon of Dublin, assisted by the Rev. J. E. L. Oulton, B.D., Rector of Chapelizod (nephew of the late Mr. Oulton); the Rev. H. M. Harris and the Rev. M. Handy. The prayers at the graveside were said by the Rev. Mr. Oulton.

The chief mourners were: Mr. J. G. Oulton and the Rev. Mr. Oulton (sons), Dr. H. W. Oulton and C. C. Oulton (brothers). Miss K. Oulton (sister), the Rev. J. E. L. Oulton and G. R. Oulton (nephews).

Among those present at the funeral were:—David W. Allen, George Brett, Joseph Burke, B.L.; A. T. Collins, Mrs. R. I. Best, Mrs. Clark, Miss Rhoda Clark, the Rev. H. B. Dobbs, T. S. C. Dagg, John A. Donnelly, J. Donnelly, His Honour Judge Green, K.C.; F. Higginbotham, C.B.; Charles Hammond (Secretary, Charles Shiel's Charity), Major Cusack, S. Hayes, Robert Hayes, W. Jellett, K.C.; Mrs. French, Miss Eames, E. P. Johnson, J. G. Leeson, J. T. F. Herrick, W. Moffat Wilson, G. Moffat Wilson, R. D. Murray, Arthur Meredith, K.C.; F. R. Mackey, W. J. N. Mackey, Herbert P. Mayne, W. C. MacFetridge, Henry M. Oulton, M.D., and Mrs. Oulton; R. Caulfeild Orpen, A. Malcolmson, J. F. Mahony, C. K. Pilkington, T. Picton Bradshaw, Hewitt Poole, C. Kenneth Sutherland, Sir W. Smyly, M.D.; A. Stafford, C.E.; W. E. Sayers, A. F. Strong, Thomas Rodgers, the Rev. W. H. C. Walford Turt, T. H. Wisdom, J. O. Wisdom, Maurice C. Walker.

UNIFORM FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

At the monthly meeting of the Strabane and Castlederg Regional Education Committee, which was held at the Technical Schools, Strabane, yesterday, there were sixteen applications for the position of school attendance officer for Strabane, and Mr. James McKinlay, of Main street, Strabane, was appointed.

The Chairman, Captain J. C. Herdman, D.L., said that it struck him that it would be far more impressive if the school attendance officer on his duty wore a uniform something like the Civic Guards on the other side of the border.

It was decided to provide the new officer with uniform, to be worn during hours of duty.

GALWAY ROBBERY.

Raiders who visited the house of Mrs. Merron, at Bushypark, Galway, took two bottles of whiskey, two bottles of wine, some sugar and other articles from a basket in the diningroom. Entry was effected by breaking a window in the diningroom.

Mrs. Watson, the wife of Mr. W. F. H. Watson, Honorary Secretary of the Clonmel Horse Show, with her son Sidney, at a recent Meet of the Tipperary Hounds.

WITHDRAWAL OF GRANTS FROM BELFAST SCHOOL.

SEQUEL TO HOLDING OF POLITICAL MEETING.

At the meeting of the Belfast Corporation yesterday, arising out of the minutes of the Education Committee, Councillor Henderson called attention to a letter from the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education intimating that in consequence of the holding of a political meeting in Tennent street Public Elementary School it had withdrawn grants from this school as from December 12 last.

"This is a serious matter for the school children," said Councillor Henderson. He understood that no later than last Friday Councillor Adgey went up with padlocks and bars and locked the doors of the school. (Laughter.) It was terrible, he added, that while a certain party was split that the school children should be shut out.

Alderman Duff said that the Education Committee had nothing to do with this mock warfare which had been described by Councillor Henderson.

Referring to another point raised by Councillor Henderson, he said that the question of providing employment for young people was being carefully considered.

NOVEL APPLICATIONS AT OMAGH.

WINE RETAILERS' OFF-LICENCES.

Unusual applications on behalf of two Omagh traders were made at Omagh Petty Sessions yesterday for renewals of wine retailers' off-licences.

Mr. George Murnaghan, solicitor, who appeared for one of the applicants, said that it was customary to obtain this licence from the Customs and Excise. The Northern Government, however, passed an Act in 1927 which took the matter out of the hands of the Excise authorities, and anyone who now wanted a licence had to apply to the annual Licensing Court. Very few people were aware of this, including himself. He had since communicated with the Ministry, and had received a reply in which they stated that they would leave the matter in the hands of the magistrates as to whether they would issue a renewal without waiting for the annual Licensing Sessions.

Mr. W. E. Orr, solicitor, addressed the Court in similar terms.

Captain Gosselin, R.M., said that where proper business, which was for the benefit of the public, would be held up by reason of some trivial matter that was illegal being thrown in their way, he would not hold with it on any account, and he would sign the licences with the greatest confidence.

STRABANE NURSING APPOINTMENT.

At the monthly meeting of the Strabane and Castlederg Regional Education Committee yesterday, out of four applicants, Nurse Kathleen Moody, of Manor House Hospital, Golder's Green, London, was unanimously appointed a nurse for the visitation of schools in the regional area at a salary of £120, with £30 travelling expenses.

AN EARLY LAMB.

While a football match was in progress in the Strabane Park yesterday, a ewe, the property of Mr. Bernard Donaghey, Strabane, gave birth there to a lamb.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NIGHT SHELTER.

The Committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Catholic Men, Back lane, Dublin, reports that the admissions to the shelter during last December numbered 3,050, and that 6,558 meals were given free.

MOTOR LORRY AND TRAMCAR IN COLLISION.

ACCIDENT ON DALKEY LINE.

A collision occurred last evening at Old Dunleary Hill between a motor lorry, belonging to Messrs. Cantrell and Cochrane, and a Dublin to Dalkey tram car. No person was injured. Axles of the lorry were damaged; but the tram car was able to proceed on its journey. The lorry, however, had to be towed away, and there was a delay on the line to the city.

RETIREMENT OF A COUNCILLOR.

DERRY CORPORATION'S TRIBUTE.

At a meeting of the Derry Corporation, the Mayor (Senator Hamilton), after wishing all the members a happy new year, and expressing the hope that there would be a great decrease of unemployment, referred to the loss sustained by Councillor Rooney in the death of his father, and moved a vote of sympathy with him.

Alderman McGlinchey seconded the motion, which was passed in silence, the members standing.

The Mayor said that he was sure he voiced the feelings of all the members when he expressed regret at the decision of Councillor Magee not to return to the Council Chamber again. Councillor Magee had been a member for twenty-one years, during which he had been twice Mayor, and also he had been Chairman of the Finance Committee and Deputy Mayor for a number of years. He took a live interest in the Corporation affairs, and would be greatly missed.

Councillor Sir Basil McFarland, Bart., joined in the tribute, and said that Councillor Magee's father before him had been long associated with the Corporation, and it was a matter for great regret that the Magee link with the Council was going to be broken; but they hoped that Councillor Magee would come back again. The work Councillor Magee did as Mayor, and the ability and manner in which he presided over the business of the Finance Committee would long be remembered. The citizens all remembered, too, the untiring efforts of his charming wife in assisting him during his years of office.

Councillor Bradley also associated himself with the tribute.

The Town Clerk (Sir F. Henry Miller) said that the officials also would like to join in this compliment.

Councillor Magee thanked the members and the Town Clerk for their kind expressions.

ALLEGED SPURIOUS COIN

CHARGE AGAINST LONGFORD FARMER.

A small farmer named James Gerety, of Kilmore, Killashee, County Longford, has been remanded to Sligo Jail on a charge of being in possession of counterfeit coin.

Superintendent Liddy, Longford, when the accused man was brought before a Peace Commissioner, asked for a remand for a week, as the Guards were pursuing investigations. He hoped to have the evidence completed in a few days.

DANGEROUS DRIVING IN NARROW STREETS.

In the Clonmel District Court, Mr. Reginald Walsh, 'bus proprietor, was fined £3 for driving his 'bus at a dangerous speed in Mitchel street, a narrow street in Clonmel.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF MOTOR CAR.

James M'Girr, egg merchant, Pound street, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh, was at Omagh Petty Sessions fined £5 and costs, and his drivers' licence endorsed for being drunk while in charge of a motor car at Drumquin on December 10 last.

Lady Evelyn Guinness, with her son Murdoch, on the ice at St. Moritz.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS.

The Air Ministry announces that an examination will be held in the latter part of March, 1929, under the scheme inaugurated in 1924 for the entry into the Accountant Branch of the Royal Air Force of qualified and experienced civil accountants. About five vacancies are likely to be available. The age limits are 22 to 26, extensible to 30 for certain candidates having previous service in the Forces.

The competition will be held in London by the Civil Service Commissioners and will include (1) an examination in book-keeping and accountancy (excluding partnership and executorship accounts), the standard being that of the final examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors; (2) an examination in English and general knowledge (essay, précis and questions to test knowledge of matters of general interest); and (3) an interview before a selection board, at which stress will be laid on accounting experience and special weight given to the type of experience provided by articled service.

The emoluments of an accountant officer consist, on the one hand, of pay, and, on the other, of accommodation, fuel, light, rations and personal attendance provided in kind. When the latter are not available cash allowances are granted in lieu. The total of the pay and cash allowances of accountant officers range at present rates from about £400 a year for an officer of first entry to £1,132 a year for a married officer in the highest rank.

The Accountant branch provides a permanent career. It is not, of course, possible to pledge the future, but so far as present foresight can show the branch will be subject to no sudden changes affecting adversely the fortunes of its officers. The Air Force is at present a growing service, and the duties thrown on the Accountant Branch are such as will so far as can be foreseen, always be required.

Officers enter the Branch with the rank of Pilot Officer and on probation. After twelve months' satisfactory service they are confirmed in their commission, and promoted to Flying Officer. Thereafter promotion is by selection. The next ranks are Flight Lieutenant and Squadron Leader, and it is contemplated that officers who give satisfactory service should be promoted at least up to the latter rank, while a reasonable proportion would be able to expect promotion to the higher rank of Wing Commander and some to the rank of Group Captain. It must be understood that promotion depends on requirements, and requirements on future circumstances; but the policy of the Air Ministry is directed to ensuring to Accountant Officers a career not inferior to that indicated above.

The length of the career provided depends on the rank attained. The compulsory retiring ages are—for Squadron Leaders, 53; for Wing Commanders, 57; and for Group Captains, 60. Any officers not attaining the rank of Squadron Leader would be retired at the age of 50.

Application should be made to the Secretary, Air Ministry (S.2), Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, for the regulations and for application forms. Completed application forms should reach the Air Ministry by the 1st of February next, or at latest by the 15th of February.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF FETHARD.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF MILITARY BARRACKS.

A movement is on foot in Fethard, Co. Tipperary, to acquire for the town the old military barracks and field. A town committee interviewed the Free State Government Departments concerned, and made an increased offer of £55 per annum on a ninety-nine years' lease. The Government asked what the town proposed to spend on a building scheme, and the committee replied that it would be impossible to promulgate one.

The Board of Works notified that negotiations could not further be advanced without a definite building scheme.

A public meeting was held in Fethard to discuss the matter, and it was decided to ask the Town Commissioners to tender for the grazing of the field and to draw up a petition asking the Government to give the barracks for the benefit of the town.

£43,000 INVESTED.

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD AND NATIONAL LOAN STOCK.

The Limerick Harbour Board has decided to invest a further £2,000 in National Loan Stock. In reply to Mr. Loughrey, the secretary (Mr. J. F. Power) said that they had now £45,000 invested, and if they continued at the present rate they would have £9,000 further to invest at the end of the present year.

The Mayor (who presided) said that was a satisfactory state of affairs.

Ten tenders were received for a new five-ton crane, the highest being £600. The tender of Messrs. John M. Henderson, Aberdeen, at £292, was accepted.

STRABANE SECRETARY'S SALARY.

At the monthly meeting of the Strabane and Castlederg Regional Education Committee yesterday, Mr. Thomas Stewart moved that the salary of their secretary (Mr. William McHenry Mackey) be increased from £200 to £300 per annum. Mr. Joseph Mills seconded.

Mr. Robert Lyons, J.P., moved an amendment that the secretary's salary be increased to £250, rising by annual increments of £20 to £300.

On a division, seven voted for the motion and four for the amendment, the motion being declared carried.

KING'S COUNTY WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. E. Morrissey, Clasawan, Clara, King's County, while preparing to go to Mass became ill and died, death being due to heart failure.

LIMERICK BOY IN TROUBLE.

A boy, Christopher Lyons, Prospect, was arrested in Limerick by Sergeant Farrell for alleged larceny by means of a trick. The boy got a note from another person to go to a house in Thomas street, and state that he had been sent for clothes for the husband of the resident, who, he alleged, had fallen into the weir at O'Brien's Bridge. The clothes were given, but afterwards it was found that no such accident had occurred.

The boy was remanded to Friday's court.

MARKETING OF IRISH PRODUCE.

LIMERICK'S INTEREST.

At a meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners it was decided to write to the Secretary of the Marketing and Transport Committee, Dublin, asking to have a representative appointed from Limerick port.

Mr. Loughrey said that it was a very important matter as affecting the port of Limerick, and he thought that the Commissioners should apply to have a representative appointed on the Committee. Limerick was the centre of a great dairying country, and the matter of transport vitally interested them.

The Mayor agreed, and said that the suggestion was a very good one. There seemed to be an idea of concentrating or co-ordinating everything for the benefit of Dublin.

Mr. Roycroft said that the sailings from Limerick were restricted, while Dublin had the advantage of daily sailings, and now Sunday sailings had been added. If Limerick had a representative on the Committee their interests would be looked after. It was a very serious matter for the port.

Mr. Loughrey said that the question had been discussed at the Waterford Chamber of Commerce, where it was pointed out the injury likely to be caused to Southern ports if traffic and transport was co-ordinated. It would affect Waterford, Cork and Limerick ports and the sailings of the Limerick Steamship Company, and of the Clyde Company.

BELFAST SEAMEN'S DISPUTE.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

Mr. G. F. Gillespie, area secretary for Ireland of the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and Mr. Pugh, Liverpool area secretary of the same organisation, are at present in Belfast with regard to a matter that has arisen out of the custom, which hitherto has been observed, of sailors signing every half-year a document which is known as the P.C.5 Recently the Transport Union formed a marine section, and a definite stand has been made against a continuance of the P.C.5, which, it is stated, is not a Board of Trade form.

Mr. Gillespie has declared that if one member was dismissed in Belfast for refusing to sign, the Transport Union would stop all the dockers not only in Belfast, but in other ports where there are union members employed.

From inquiries made yesterday, it was elicited that there was every prospect of an amicable settlement of the situation. There are, it is understood, 700 seamen affected so far as Belfast is concerned, 600 at Dublin, and 150 at Derry.

Mr. J. Connor, secretary of the Belfast Branch of the Sailors' and Firemen's Union, declined to say anything beyond that a national question was involved, but he was hopeful of a satisfactory solution. He was awaiting instructions from headquarters, on receipt of which an official statement will be issued.

BELFAST PORT TRAFFIC.

DECREASE IN TONNAGE.

The Harbour Master reported to the Belfast Harbour Board yesterday that 266 vessels arrived in the period from the 16th to the 29th December as follow:—Coastwise and cross-Channel 237, foreign 23, non-trading 6. The total tonnage of the vessels which arrived from the 1st of January to the 29th of December was as follows:—Coastwise and cross-Channel 2,230,975, an increase of 22,711 over the corresponding period of the previous year; foreign 656,907, a decrease of 39,332; non-trading 72,106, an increase of 1,195; total 3,009,988, a decrease of 15,486.

George Boots, the famous Welsh Rugby forward, who began his playing career thirty-eight years ago, and took part in sixteen international games, has just died at Newport.

SHORTAGE OF HOUSES.

PLIGHT OF FARM LABOURERS.

The serious shortage of houses for agricultural labourers throughout the country is emphasised by the number of applications received for every labourer's cottage that becomes vacant. These houses are now let by boards of health throughout the Free State. For every vacant cottage in Louth there are twenty applicants.

At its last meeting the Board of Health had a cottage to let at Christianstown, and amongst the applicants (all of whom were agricultural labourers) two were men who, with their families, lived in lodgings; two lived apart from their wives owing to inability to get a house, and another applicant, his wife and four children were living in a small cottage surrounded by a bog, and certified by the medical officer of health as being uninhabitable.

Owing to the continued high cost of building and the impossibility of getting loans for long terms, the Board of Health finds itself unable to build additional houses. Investigations were made, and it was found that even with a grant from the Housing Fund, the cost of erecting a cottage similar to those built in pre-war years would be so high that the tenant would not be able to pay the rent out of his wages as an agricultural labourer.

The existing thousand cottages in County Louth are held at a rent of a shilling a week, and are a loss to the public funds.

FORMER W.A.A.C. IN COURT.

UNNERVING EXPERIENCES PLEA.

When Mrs. Constance Alice Lewis, of Cranleigh Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, was charged on remand at Southend yesterday with obtaining, by false pretences, articles of clothing from local tradesmen, Mr. Flint, for the defence, said that she was the first member of the W.A.A.C. to receive a silver badge. She had been affected by war and private experiences. In France she and several friends were attacked by a Chinese coolie and severely stabbed. On another occasion she was in a tramcar in France which was struck by lightning, two persons being killed. This caused a nervous breakdown. She had also had ptomaine poisoning, and another time paid a visit to her mother, to find on her arrival that she had just dropped dead. All the articles had been returned, except a pair of silk stockings, which she was wearing at the time in court.

Mrs. Lewis was remanded for three weeks in the care of her husband, on condition that she underwent a medical examination.

"CHRISTIES"

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ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.
OBJECTS OF ART, from various sources, including Bronzes, Persian, and other Faience, an English 14th Century Alabaster Plaque, Derbyshire Spar Vases, Persian and other Eastern Carpets and Rugs; also Modern Bronzes and Objects of Art, sold for the benefit of St. Peter's Hospital for Stone, Henrietta street, Covent Garden, and presented by the Artists to the Hospital; and Persian Brasswork, the property of MAJOR THE RIGHT HON. LORD CARNOCK, M.C., and collected by his Father, the late Right Hon. Lord Carnock, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., when Secretary of Legation at Teheran in 1885.
May be viewed FRIDAY AND MONDAY preceding.

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.
OLD ENGLISH AND IRISH SILVER, from various sources, including a Commonwealth Silver gilt Porringer, a Pair of Queen Anne Candlesticks; Georgian Salvers, Tea and Coffee Pots, Saltcellars, Tankards, etc.; and old Irish Cups, Salvers, Saltcellars, Sugar Baskets, and other Domestic Plate, chiefly of the 18th Century.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.
DECORATIVE FURNITURE AND OBJECTS OF ART, the property of LADY GRANT, and removed from 61 Lowndes Square, S.W.; Old English and other Furniture, the property of Lord —— and from various sources; and Chinese Porcelain and Cloisonne Enamels, the property of JOHN BREARLEY, Esq., deceased, late of Riversdale, Fielden Park, West Didsbury.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.
ANCIENT AND MODERN PICTURES and DRAWINGS, the property of the late SIR WILLIAM INGRAM, Bart. (sold by order of the Executors); also Old Pictures from various sources, including works by or attributed to—H. W. Pickersgill, R.A.; H. Fidridge, A.R.A.; R. B. Davis; Marc Gheeraedts; G. Kneller; J. M. Molenaer; F. de Momper; G. Morland; N. Pocock; J. Ramsay; T. M. Richardson.
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"CHRISTIES"

BLESSING OF NEW ORGAN IN KILKENNY.

BISHOP AND CHURCH MUSIC.

Last Sunday at the O'Loughlin Memorial Church, St. John's, the Most Rev. Dr. Collier, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ossory, officiated at solemn High Mass in connection with the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the patron of the parish. He also blessed the new organ, the gift of the late Mr. Patrick Brennan, Sandfordscourt, Kilderry, Co. Kilkenny, and a shrine to the Little Flower, also the gift of a generous donor.

In declaring the new organ formally open, Dr. Collier said that the organ was the one instrument which had not degenerated into the depths of so-called modern music. Consecrated to God from its beginning, it had kept to His praise and service, and when these feverish, hectic days were over the world would once more seek its inspiration for the beautiful in music where it had always been fostered—in the Church.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, January 1, 1929.

REGULAR ARMY.

The undermentioned retires on retired pay:—Lieutenant-General Sir R. H. K. Butler, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

CAVALRY.

7th Hussars—Lieutenant F. R. C. Fosdick to be Adjutant.

15th/19th Hussars—Lieutenant W. E. H. Grylls to be Captain.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels, on completion of four years' service as Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels, are placed on the half-pay list:—C. C. Matsudin, C.B.E., D.S.O.; T. C. Sinclair; C. E. Vickery, C.M.G., D.S.O.; J. W. Beauvoir-Tailyour, D.S.O.

The undermentioned Majors to be Lieutenant-Colonels:—Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Carrington, D.S.O.; T. Carlyon, D.S.O., with regimental seniority next below G. V. Dreyer. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Stranack, D.S.O.; G. V. Dreyer, with regimental seniority next below H. Allen, D.S.O.

The undermentioned Majors are placed on the half-pay list:—Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel P. D. S. Gethin, R. K. Sadler, D.S.O., M.C.

The undermentioned Major retires on retired pay—Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Ryan, C.M.G., D.S.O.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. Macrae, on completion of four years' service as a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is placed on the Extra Regimentally Employed List. Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel P. J. Mackesy, D.S.O., M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

The undermentioned Majors to be Lieut.-Colonels—C. E. F. Wynell, M.C.; H. F. B. S. Moore, O.B.E.

INFANTRY.

Royal Tank Corps—Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Dundas, D.S.O., retires on retired pay; Captain W. C. L. O'Carroll is restored to the establishment.

MEMORANDA.

The undermentioned Chief Recruiting Officers are granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel whilst so employed:—Major R. Ryan, Quartermaster, retired pay; Captain E. Y. T. A. Spink, M.C., Reserve of Officers; Captain S. Winn, M.B.E., Quartermaster, retired pay. Lieutenant J. P. Huffam, V.C., D.W.R., is granted the temporary rank of Captain while serving with the Royal West African Frontier Force.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The undermentioned, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—

REGIMENTAL LIST.

Royal Regiment of Artillery—Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Moore, D.S.O.; Captain S. Talbot, Captain E. J. Connolly.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Ryan, C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, with seniority 22nd August, 1926.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

General Duties Branch—Air Chief Marshal Sir John Maitland Salmond, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., Principal Air Aide-de-Camp to the King, is appointed a member of the Air Council as Air Member for Personnel, vice Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, K.C.B., D.S.O. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, K.C.B., D.S.O., relinquishes his appointment as a member of the Air Council on retirement from the Royal Air Force.

The undermentioned are granted Short Service Commissions as Pilot Officers on probation, with seniority of 28th December, 1928:—Eugene Esmonde, Henry Vernon Leamy, Walter Sydney Monroe.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, K.C.B., D.S.O., is placed in the retired list at his own request.

Air Commodore Lester Fettiplace Blandy, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel, Reserve List, R.E., relinquishes his temporary commission on completion of service with the R.A.F.

HALF-YEAR

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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MATINEE TO-DAY AT 2.0.
EVERY EVENING AT 7.30.
THE GORGEOUS PANTOMIME.
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DRAWING CROWDED and DELIGHTED AUDIENCES.
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Roars of Laughter from rise to fall of curtain.
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TO-NIGHT and the FOLLOWING NIGHTS IN THE WEEK AT 8 O'CLOCK.
MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2.30.
"THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA,"
By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.
Booking at the Theatre, 10.30 to 6.
NEXT WEEK: "THE WOULD-BE GENTLEMAN" AND "BEFORE MIDNIGHT."

DUBLIN GATE THEATRE.
(Adjoining Abbey Theatre, Abbey street.)
"SIX STOKERS WHO OWN THE BLOOMIN' EARTH," by Elmer Greensfelder. Opening performance to-night at 8 o'clock. Box Office, 10-1 and 2-5.30. 'Phone 1577.

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DAILY AT 2.0, 4.15, 6.30 and 8.45 P.M.

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IN AID OF
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Will be held in the METROPOLE BALLROOM,
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DANCING 8—12. Evening Dress.
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TICKETS, 5/-, obtainable at the Metropole and Hospital, or from Hon. Secretary at School, Molesworth street.

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"THE NEWS PARADE."
Daily at 2, 4.40, 6.55, 9.20.
LESLIE JONES, Baritone.
Madame Van Aalst and her Lyricals.

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TWO GREAT FEATURES.
"SHINGLED CROWNS"
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THE COUNTY LIMERICK HUNT BALL
WILL BE HELD AT
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(By kind permission of Colonel Gilheany and Officers of 4th Brigade),
ON
FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1929.
DANCING, 10 O'CLOCK.
Special Engagement of
Mr. PETER KOGH,
Dublin's Leading Dance Violinist,
AND HIS BAND.
SUPPER, "MILLS," DUBLIN.
Tickets: Gentlemen £1 5 0
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WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY,
AT LUTTRELSTOWN.
(By kind permission of Mrs. and Miss Hamilton).
Tickets may be had from
H. BARRINGTON JELLETT, Newtown Hill, Leixlip.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

RATHMINES LIBRARY LECTURES.
TOWN HALL, RATHMINES.
TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), at 8 o'clock.
REV. STEPHEN J. BROWN, S.J.
Subject:
"BOOKS AND READING."
Admission Free. Seats may be Booked.

NOTICE.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.

In pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by Section 83 of the Dublin Port and Docks Act, 1869, as varied by Section 51 of the Dublin Port and Docks Act, 1920, the Harbour Master has made an Order under his hand dated the First day of January, 1929, in the words following:—

I hereby Order and direct that on and after the Seventh day of January, 1929, all Timber, Deal and other goods and matters, shall be so placed on the North and South quays from O'Connell Bridge, Eastwards, as to leave thirty feet clear, measured riverwards from the kerb of the foot path, for carriages and passengers.

Dated this First day of January, 1929.

J. H. WEBB, Harbour Master, Dublin Port and Docks Board.

Notice is hereby given that a breach of the above Order will (apart from any other powers of the Board in that respect) render the person responsible for such breach liable to prosecution.

Dated this Second day of January, 1929.

E. H. BAILEY, the Secretary, Dublin Port and Docks Board.

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LOCAL EXAMINATIONS IN IRELAND.
Syllabus, Entry Form and further information can be obtained from any Local Representative or the District Secretary:—
IRVINE MERCER,
16 SOUTH RICHMOND STREET, DUBLIN.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

POSITION VACANT—OPHTHALMIC SURGEON.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the part-time, non-pensionable position of Visiting Ophthalmic Surgeon, Laoighis Board of Health and Public Assistance. Salary, £100 a year. Latest date for receipt of applications, 17th January, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtaine dfrom the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

POSITIONS VACANT—NURSE: MIDWIFE.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the following permanent and pensionable positions:—Trained Nurse, Cottage Hospital, Bandon; Midwifery qualifications essential; salary, £60 a year with rations and apartments. Midwife, Killybegs Dispensary District, Co. Donegal; salary, £40 by £1 a year to £50 a year. Candidates for appointment in the Gaeltacht area must possess a competent knowledge of Irish. If no such candidate be available the successful candidate must comply with the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1926. Latest date for receiving applications, 17th January, 1929. Application forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.

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THEATRE ROYAL
6.45 ... TWICE NIGHTLY ... 9.0.
"SOMETHING NEW,"
THE NEW STYLE MINISTREL SHOW,
Comprising
Negro Vocalism, Novel Dancing, Nigger Comedy, Juggling, Musical Specialities, Laughable Burlesques, Ventriloquism, the Funniest of Nigger Acrobats.
MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2.30.
Children Half Price to Dress Circle and Parterre, First Houses and Matinee.

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At 4, 6.20 & 8.50. New Comedies, Pictorial, etc.
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12 CAPITOL TILLER GIRLS.
Appearing at 4.35, 7 o'clock, and 9.25.

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DANCING TO-DAY
3.30 to 6. Admission 1/-
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Blue Line Bus leaves Burgh Quay at 12.20 a.m. for Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire, and Dalkey.

PLAZA BALLROOM.
On FRIDAY NEXT,
8 p.m. till 1 a.m.
CIVIL SERVICE
BENEVOLENT FUND
DANCE.
Admission 7/6. Evening Dress.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—An anti-cyclone is almost stationary over Ireland, and a depression centred South of Greenland is moving north-eastwards. The weather will be fair and cold in most districts, but the temperature will rise and the cloud increase in Western and Northern districts, with probably some rain later in the extreme North and North-West.

North-West Ireland.—Light to moderate southerly winds; fair; cloud increasing; temperature rising.

North-East and South-East Ireland.—Light variable winds; fair; moderate day temperature; rather cold at night.

South-West Ireland.—Same as North-West Ireland.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Light variable winds; fair; some mist or fog; sea slight.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain. m.m.	Sunhours
27	29.868	40.6	45	36	30	E.	0.5	—
28	29.586	42.0	47	40	38	W.	2.8	—
29	29.356	36.0	45	35	30	W.	—	1.7
30	29.512	41.2	42	33	31	S.E.	14.7	—
31	30.208	40.0	42	38	35	N.E.	—	—
Jan. 1	30.424	37.0	40	29	24	W.	—	0.4

THE SUN.

To-day....	Rises ...	8.40	Sets 4.15
To-morrow..	,, ...	8.40	,, ... 4.19
Lighting-up Time			5.18

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

To-day....	Morning	4.14	Afternoon	4.41
To-morrow..	,, ...	5. 9	,, ...	5.35

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Dublin Union Commissioners, 11 a.m.
Rathmines Urban Council, 10 a.m.
South Dublin Rural District Council, 5.30 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat."
Theatre Royal—"Something New."
Olympia Theatre—"Sinbad the Sailor."
Abbey Theatre—"The Doctor's Dilemma."
Dublin Gate Theatre—"Six Stokers Who Own the Bloomin' Earth."
Capitol—"London After Midnight," "Under the Tonto Rim," and Varieties.
Metropole Cinema—"The Spy."
Grand Central Cinema—"Shingled Crowns" and "Coney Island."
Grafton Cinema—"The News Parade."
Corinthian Cinema—"The Gaucho."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Glorious Betsy."
Plaza Ballroom—Dancing. Pete Low's Band.

DECEMBER WEATHER.

MILDER IN 1928 THAN IN THE PRECEDING YEAR.

On the whole, last month was milder than December, 1927, but it was wetter. The warmest day was the 16th, and the coldest nights were the 7th and 9th, while the greatest rainfall in any twenty-four hours was 0.45 inch on the 15th.

The total amount of sunshine was forty hours eighteen minutes, the sunniest period occurring on the 8th, when there were five hours forty-eight minutes of sunshine.

For December, 1928, and December, 1927, the comparisons in temperatures were as follows:—

	1928.	1927.
Maximum in air	56.6	52.5
Minimum ,, ,, ...	27.3	20.6
Mean ,, ,, ...	40.6	39.3

The minimum on the grass was at or below thirty degrees on thirteen nights.

There were seven calm days, as compared with six in December, 1927, and rain fell on twenty-two days.

YEAR OF CALAMITIES.

ASTROLOGER'S PROPHECY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

Professor Ketty, an astrologer who acquired a following in Germany by being 90 per cent. correct in his predictions for the past year, prophesies that 1929 will be a year of sensational calamities. Professor Ketty sees a danger of war in the Near East. He allots to Europe weather calamities and abundant fires.

The United States will witness catastrophes unparalleled in history—dyke-breaks, floods and hurricanes, carrying ocean waters far inland.

The conflict between France and Italy will grow more dangerous, he says. To South Germany he offers only one consolation—a triumphant wine year.

To the world he holds out a promise of a happier era.

WORKMAN BURIED BY TONS OF EARTH.

Charles Edward Luxlow, of Eston, was killed, and George Nunn, of Skipton, seriously injured by tons of earth which fell on them while they were working on excavations at Elslack Waterworks, near Barnoldswick, Yorkshire, yesterday. Luxlow was buried and was dead when dug out. It is thought that the landslide was due to the loosening of the earth by the thaw, following a heavy frost.

The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1929.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND

The annual Conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians began at Buxton yesterday, when professional problems were discussed.—(Page 8.)

Steps are being taken to form a "Government Party" in the Free State Senate.—(Page 7.)

Damage which is estimated at £200,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed the premises of a firm of handkerchief manufacturers in Great Victoria street, Belfast, early yesterday morning.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN

For the first time for many weeks last night's bulletin chronicled "a slight improvement in the general condition" of the King. It was stated that His Majesty had a restful day and that "the administration of calcium, based on chemical examination of the blood, is producing beneficial results."—(Page 7.)

Brigadier-General the Earl of Lucan has been appointed Captain of His Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The session of the Indian National Congress, which concluded yesterday, is regarded as a victory for Gandhism. At the closing meeting of the Indian National Liberal Federation the Liberal leader, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, delivered "a serious warning" to the Imperial Government.—(Page 8.)

In his report for the fourth annuity year the Agent-General for Reparation Payments is unable to find that Germany's financial position is not a sound one or that the country is incapable of bearing the reparations burden. He suggests, however, that a final settlement by mutual agreement now would be in the best interest of the creditor powers and Germany alike.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING

At Baldoyle yesterday Sun Flame won the Stand Hurdle Plate, Philalice the Seaview Steeplechase, Battle Bridge the Maiden Hurdle Plate, Rathdrin the New Year Steeplechase, Susiewusie the Novices' Steeplechase, and Nell Gwynne the Stewards' Hurdle Plate.—(Page 10.)

At Manchester Glanmore won the Victory Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

M. Poincare's Policy.

Once again, at the last moment, a Cabinet crisis has been averted in France. Last week M. Poincaré's resignation seemed to be inevitable. In fact, it was tendered to the President of the Republic; but M. Doumergue very wisely advised M. Poincaré to hold his hand, and finally, at the virtually unanimous request of his colleagues, the resignation was withdrawn. M. Poincaré's position at the moment is rather curious. At the general election last year he was returned to power by the votes of the Socialist-Radicals, who decided to support him in his financial policy, but to oppose him in almost everything else. Two months ago, at the Angers Conference, M. Caillaux, with the help of M. Malvy and some of the other prominent Socialist-Radicals, tried to drive the Premier from office in consequence of M. Briand's policy towards the religious orders in France. M. Poincaré actually resigned, with all his colleagues, as a result of this attack; but he immediately resumed office, and formed a new Cabinet without a single Socialist-Radical member. The Socialist-Radical Party, therefore, went into opposition, leaving M. Poincaré with a greatly reduced, but more trustworthy, majority in the Chamber. During the last two months his Government has been maintained in office chiefly because the Socialist-Radicals will not run the risk of the financial crisis which undoubtedly would follow M. Poincaré's fall.

One of the issues that led to last week's crisis was the proposal to increase the salaries of deputies and senators. Hitherto, like the members of the Free State *Oireachtas*, French legislators have been in receipt of about £360 *per annum*, but, as many of them are forced to travel long distances to Paris, it was felt that this sum ought to be increased. Accordingly, a bill was introduced in both Houses, and was passed on Sunday, although it was opposed from the outset by M. Poincaré. The Premier, however, was sufficiently wise to refrain from making the vote a matter of confidence. Henceforward, therefore, the salaries of deputies and senators will be appreciably higher, and most of them will be enabled to set up establishments in Paris. Perhaps, one of the reasons why M. Poincaré did not push his opposition to the salaries bill to extremes was the fact that he was anxious to secure the passage of another bill which forbids members of Parliament to hold certain kinds of directorships. Recently there have been some very unsavoury scandals in France. The case of M. Klotz, former Minister for Finance, is fresh in the public mind, and the *Gazette du Franc* affair has caused much uneasiness throughout the country. One of M. Poincaré's aims is to eradicate all traces of "graft" from French politics; but he is fighting against powerful vested interests, including some of his most embittered enemies in public life.

Now that these troubles have been surmounted by M. Poincaré, he will be able to go ahead with his financial and economic programme. It is difficult to appreciate to the full the work that has been done by the French Premier since that fateful day in July, 1926, when he snatched the collapsing franc from the very jaws of bankruptcy. To-day, with the possible exception of Germany, France is the most prosperous country in Europe. Not only is there no unemployment in the Republic, but workers are being imported steadily from other countries. French industry has been advancing by leaps and bounds since the armistice. The whole plant of the Northern departments has been renewed, with the result that the factories of France are equipped now with the most modern machinery in the world. Production has been increasing every year, and still is on the up-grade. Exports are flourishing; the trade returns form a striking contrast to those of Great Britain, which reveal a melancholy balance on the wrong side, and generally the country is thriving. Much of this change is due to the remarkable personality of M. Poincaré. He has inspired the nation with confidence in itself. Even his political enemies look to him for financial and economic guidance, and so far certainly they have not looked in vain. His greatest ambition is to achieve a final settlement of the reparations problem which will rid France of the last of her monetary embarrassments. Britons may not agree with his attitude towards conquered Germany; but none of them will question the absolute single-mindedness of the man or the fervent patriotism that inspires him.

American Highways.

Mr. Thomas Adams, a past president of the Town-planning Institute, has spent the last six years largely in the direction of a plan for the future development of the area which lies within fifty miles of the port of New York. Writing in *The Times*, he describes a remarkable device which has been adopted for the solution in that area of the problem of "ribbon" development. It has become clear that "ribbon" development cannot be arrested. It is inevitable that the highways between town and town henceforward shall become, as it were, the main streets of elongated cities. What cannot be checked must be directed wisely, and Mr. Adams tells how "ribbon" growth actually may be adapted to the greater beauty of places of habitation. Four considerations govern the town-planner's schemes. First, more spacious arterial highways are needed. Secondly, the highways must be accompanied by cycling and walking paths, and by areas for recreation. Thirdly, land values must be increased on either side of the new highways in order to relieve the community of the cost of construction and maintenance. Finally, the arterial highway system must be co-ordinated with the means of communication by rail. Now, within the New York region lies the county of Westchester. This county, through its park commission, has appropriated about eight million pounds wherewith to buy land and to construct parks and park-ways intersecting the whole of its area. One of the park-ways already is complete. It is sixteen miles long, and is flanked on either side by a park. The lateral parks together vary in width from 500 feet to 1,000 feet. No buildings may be erected on the frontage of the park-way. No petrol stations, no hoardings, and no "parking" of cars are allowed. The traffic is confined to passenger cars, which are permitted to travel at 35 miles an hour. Along the outer edges of the park high-class residential development has begun, and business centres have arisen at strategic points. The park and park-way are becoming self-supporting from direct revenues. Thus new beauty is created, straggling buildings along the central highway are avoided, facilities for sport and agreeable sites for dwellings are afforded, and all is done without the taxing of society. The greatest advantage of the system will be obvious to all motorists. A highway is provided on which high speeds may be developed without peril to either the driver or the pedestrian; for the "park-way," in effect, is a motoring track that is cut off from common traffic. Where highways between town and town are subjected to uncontrolled "ribbon" development, shops, dwellings, schools and industrial buildings on either side line the edges of the road with peril. By the "park-way," fast motor traffic is drawn away, like railway traffic, to a course of its own. It would not be surprising to see "park-ways" adopted in many populous parts of England. Perhaps, some such device some day will be found necessary along the southern side of Belfast Lough and between Dublin and Bray.

The B.B.C.

The British Broadcasting Corporation has rendered an account of its services during the past year. It can claim justly to have established itself as an integral part of the nation's life; for its twenty-one stations minister to a vast variety of public and private interests, and the licences now in force number 2,580,342, including 13,826 which have been issued *gratis* to blind persons. The B.B.C. amuses, instructs, fills the gap between the evening and morning newspapers, and brings the living voices of famous persons into humble homes. Last year, for instance, it broadcast a score of great ceremonies, such as the Armistice Day Service at the Cenotaph. It furnished "eye-witness accounts" of the Derby, the university boat race, the Chancellor's Budget speech and the funeral of Thomas Hardy. It captured the nightingale's song at Pangbourne, and—*quocunque jeceris stabit*—it reported the Bloomsbury explosion. The Corporation's musical programmes, which included the thirty-fourth season of Promenade Concerts at the Queen's Hall, were fetched from near and far. It broadcast a series of plays from the contributions of Britain, Belgium, Norway, Spain and other countries, and is proud of this "first considered effort of any broadcasting organisation to do for drama what broadcasting had already done for the art of music." The B.B.C. has been active in the domain of education. A "Central Council for Schools Broadcasting" will be formed early in the present year; already the Kent Education Committee has decided to give a regular subsidy to its schools for wireless reception. One hundred and sixty "listening groups" exist for purposes of adult education, and now the War Office has sanctioned similar experiments in the Army. Here is a full record, and we might suppose that the B.B.C. had succeeded—

happily to steer
From grave to gay, from lively to severe.

Yet it seems that some people in England are not satisfied, and are demanding better results from the Corporation's annual income of one million pounds. Many people in the Free State would be glad to get from 2RN a value proportionate to that which the B.B.C.'s subscribers receive. 2RN's native resources are small, but that fact hardly is an excuse for its provincialism and monotony.

A Boys' Paper.

The Boys' Own Paper will celebrate its jubilee during the present month; for its first number was published on the 18th January, 1879. There are elderly Irishmen to whom the announcement will recall days when, even in comfortable households, a penny a week was held to be ample pocket-money for a young school-boy. They will remember how that weekly penny was invested, with joy, in the early numbers of the *B.O.P.* The paper made a beneficent revolution in juvenile journalism. Until its arrival the field was occupied by the "penny blood," upon which good fathers and mothers frowned. One exception, indeed, was *Young Folks*, wherein "Treasure Island" first saw the light, but even *Young Folks*, in such tales as "Ralpho the Mysterious or the Young Swordsman of Warsaw," had its contacts with the "penny blood." The *B.O.P.* was designed to supply youth with literature that should be neither bloodthirsty nor mawkish, and it was a success from the start. It anticipated—perhaps, it helped to create—the clean, healthy and joyful spirit of the Boy Scout movement. On the material side it told boys how to make all sorts of things, from rabbit-hutches to telescopes. In its appeal to the young imagination it showed that fiction, in order to thrill, need not be vulgar or gory. The affection of men whose sons have fought in the Great War still lingers round the names of Kingston, Ballantyne, Dr. Gordon Stables and Talbot Baines Reed—all among the *B.O.P.'s* early staff of writers. Reed's school stories—how great a joy after the primness of Dean Farrar's "Eric"!—have not been surpassed unto this day. Then there were Jules Verne's flights of scientific fancy, with a French artist's illustrations: they, too, are unforgettable by men who were boys forty years ago. The *B.O.P.* still flourishes and these old boys will wish for it an *ad multos annos*. Already the Prime Minister of England has spoken on their behalf.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Last night's *London Gazette* announces that the King has sanctioned the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:—

As Bailiff Grand Cross from Knight of Justice—Colonel Sir James Richardson Andrew Clark, Bart., C.B., C.M.G., F., R.C.S.Ed.

As Knights of Justice from Knights of Grace—Sir Arthur William Faire, C.B.E.; Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund Vivian Gabriel, C.S.I., C.M.G., C.V.O., C.B.E., V.D.; F.S.A.; the Right Hon. Sir Frederick George Milner, Bart., P.C.

As Knights of Grace—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Robert Chancellor, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., D.S.O.; the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G.; the Earl of Cromer, G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.; Sir Francis Drummond Percy Chaplin, G.B.E., K.C.M.G.

New Commanders of the Order include Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten.

New officers include Sir Oswald Stoll, Sir Gilbert Clayton, Mr. H. S. Wellcome (founder of the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research), General Sir Philip Chetwode (Chief of the General Staff in India), and Sir Wilfred Grenfell, of Labrador.

CHANGE AT HEAD OF DOMINIONS OFFICE.

EARL OF PLYMOUTH THE NEW UNDER-SECRETARY.

It is officially announced that the Earl of Plymouth has been appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Dominions Affairs, in succession to Lord Lovat.

The Earl of Plymouth, who was appointed Captain of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms in 1925, sat as Unionist member for the Ludlow Division of Shropshire from January, 1922, to March, 1923, when he succeeded his father in the title. Lord Plymouth, who was born in 1889, married in 1921 Lady Irene Corona Charteris, daughter of the seventh Earl of Wemyss.

LORD LOVAT'S NEW TASK.

Lord Lovat, his predecessor as Under-Secretary for the Dominions, was appointed to that office two years ago. Last August Lord Lovat left England on a visit to Canada, Australia and New Zealand to discuss overseas settlement questions with representatives of the Dominion Governments and of public and private organisations. He completed his programme in Canada, and reached New Zealand on October 8. Shortly afterwards it was announced that he had been compelled by indisposition to cancel his public engagements, and on October 26 he sailed for England. In the House of Commons, on December 20, Mr. Amery announced that the Government had been so much impressed by the need of strengthening the machinery in this country for supervising and co-ordinating migration arrangements that it had been decided to appoint a chairman of the Overseas Settlement Committee who would be able to devote his whole time to the work, and that Lord Lovat, at the request of the Prime Minister, had accepted the task.

OBITUARY.

COMMANDER LASCELLES.

Commander the Hon. Frederick Canning Lascelles, R.N., retired, who died after a short illness on Monday evening at his home, Sutton Waldron House, near Blandford, in Dorset, was a great sportsman, being especially fond of hunting and fishing, says *The Times*. The second son of the fourth Earl of Harewood, by his first wife, Elizabeth Joanna, daughter of the first Marquess of Clanricarde, and brother of the present Earl, born on May 8, 1848, he was one of fourteen brothers and sisters, and early developed in his Yorkshire home that love of sport in every form which was, perhaps, the dominant interest of his life.

In 1878 he retired from the Navy to marry the eldest daughter of the late Sir Adolphus Liddell. From her premature death in 1891 he never really recovered, and after a short interlude of business in London he settled down in Dorset, where he spent the rest of his life. His only son, the youngest of a family of five, is Mr. Alan Lascelles, M.C., one of the Private Secretaries to the Prince of Wales, who only returned a little over a fortnight ago with the Prince from his recent African journey. Of his daughters, the eldest is the wife of Mr. Eric Maclagan, the Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum; the second, after acting for some years as Maid of Honour to Queen Alexandra, married Lord Lloyd, the High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan. The two younger daughters married Colonel Fergus Nixon, D.S.O., Inniskilling Dragoons, and Mr. Melville Balfour, M.C.

PROFESSOR MAURICE LETULLE.

A Paris telegram announces that Professor Maurice Letulle, of the Academy of Medicine, died yesterday, aged 75. He was head of the Throat and Nose Department, and had undertaken several missions, particularly in Asia.

SOUTH AFRICAN APPOINTMENT.

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

Mr. Eric Louw, Trade Commissioner for South Africa in America, is proceeding to England about the middle of January to act as Union High Commissioner. The late High Commissioner, Mr. J. S. Smit, was recently appointed Administrator of the Transvaal.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Duke of York and the Duke of Gloucester visited the Prince of Wales early yesterday, and spent some time with him at York House, St. James's. Princess Mary is remaining for the present at Harewood House, where her husband, Viscount Lascelles, has been laid up for a couple of days with a slight chill. He was reported yesterday to be much better.

The King and Queen of the Belgians, accompanied by Princess Marie José, left the Palais Royal, Brussels, yesterday for Switzerland, for a stay of about ten days. Later in the month Queen Elizabeth will start for Egypt.

The Dowager Marchioness of Cambridge, who spent Christmas and the New Year with her son-in-law and daughter, the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, at Badminton House, will leave to-day for London. Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston is entertaining a party at Hackwood Park, where both her sons and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Duggan, are with her. The Marquis and Marchioness of Sligo will remain till the end of this month at Westport House, Co. Mayo. The Marquis of Donegall and Lord and Lady Hastings have arrived at St. Moritz.

The Spanish Ambassador and the Marquesa de Morry del Val returned to London yesterday from Sandbeck Park, Rotterham, where they spent Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Scarbrough.

The annual races at Nice will begin to-morrow, and crowds of visitors are arriving daily. Viscountess Arbuthnott is staying at St. Raphael, where the arrivals include Lady Gore-Brown, Sir Henry and Lady Scott-Smith and Sir Geoffrey Fison. Lord and Lady Parmoor, Lord Cecil Manners, Sir Robert Horne, General Sir Aylmer and Lady Hunter-Weston, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams and Major Van Straubenzee are staying at Valescure.

On Monday the Hon. Michael Scott, brother and heir presumptive of the Earl of Eldon, was married in Bernardsville, New Jersey, to Miss Ruth Brady, second daughter of the late Mr. James Cox Brady, the American financier and millionaire. Miss Joan Maxwell, cousin of the bridegroom, was the maid of honour, and the Earl of Eldon supported his brother as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held by Mrs. Brady, the bride's step-mother, at her residence in New Jersey.

The wedding took place in Pretoria on Monday of Mr. Bancroft Clark, of Street, Somerset, and Miss Cato Smuts, daughter of General Smuts. The bride was one of the three women graduates to obtain first-class honours at Cambridge in the Geographical Tripos in June, 1927. Mr. Clark, who is also a graduate of Cambridge University, is the great grandson of John Bright.

The marriage arranged between Henry Marveile Read, M.F.H., only surviving son of Turner Oliver and Mrs. Read, of Dungar, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, and Nancy, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Mulliner, of Whitefriars, Farnborough, Hants, will take place at the end of April.

To-day at Switzers Sale all Model Hats and copies of same, also Velour and Felt Hats, will be offered at exactly half the regular selling price.

Holmes' Sale. Drastic reductions.—W. Holmes and Co., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

New Year Gifts. Special show now on view. Chancellor, 7 Grafton street.

Madame Renée wishes to draw your attention to her Sale. Coats, Gowns, Hats, at ridiculous prices.—51A Dawson street.

Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, and Salthill Hotel, Monkstown, now quoting special winter terms. Meals interchangeable between both hotels. For particulars apply Manager.

Model coat in black cloth inset with velvet, large fur collar, for 5½ gns. at Slyne's Sale, 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove, Mr. and Mrs. Newark, Miss V. Newark, B. S. Wigoder, M.A., R. Wigoder, J. Phillips, Arnold Berman, Rev. W. C. Hodgins, K. S. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brindley, Haidee Sandler, Mrs. G. Jameson-Johnston, the Rev. J. H. Kidd, W. Milo Dawson.

Departures:—Michael J. Masterson, Major Joseph L. Walshe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt, W. Jackson, W. W. Ashe, P. Fitzgerald, W. A. Cole, T. J. Sheridan, Mrs. C. P. Dunn, Mrs. R. C. Willington, Captain and Mrs. R. S. Chatterton, Jasper Dobbin, Miss M. Stuart, Major F. C. C. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cantwell, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, Dr. and Mrs. N. Keating, Mr. and Mrs. Homan Molock, Captain E. A. Telford, Miss Alice Russell, Major R. M. Aylmer, Miss Lilian F. A. Eagleson, E. P. Scanlan, C. McC. Mairus, Gordon Mairus, Surgeon-Lieutenant and Mrs. R. W. Strong.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals—The Hon. H. French, Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie, Miss Jemmette, Miss Russell, T. Fardell, E. Clay, Lionel Fells, Mrs. Banville, J. Henderson, T. O'Callaghan, T. Satchwell, J. Moore, T. Kendall, T. Haines, J. Caulfield, Miss K. Young, R. Leslie, J. Whittaker, Mrs. C. A. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Lovatt, W. Dawson, S. A. Thompson, J. Porter, E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, Miss Connolly, Miss O'Callaghan, T. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Behan, Mr. and Mrs. Kennett, T. Honkinson, J. McDonough, T. Ward.

Departures—Miss Waters, Mrs. J. J. Wallace, T. Aszoni, Dr. Brennan, M. Mullens, G. W. Jordon, Miss M. Maclair, T. Roxburg, R. Wright, R. Jennings, T. Collins, N. Curtin, T. Meredith, W. J. Slattery, Miss C. H. Wright, Miss Davidson, W. Slack, C. Ellis, E. Hyde, A. J. Winstanley, Miss Piercey, Mrs. Phipps, the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, Miss Stevenson, T. Smith, S. F. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, the Misses Boyland, Miss Magee, Mrs. and Master McDonald, T. V. Gamble, Miss Ryan.

McBirney's Stocktaking Sale now on. Huge reductions have been made to facilitate immediate cl

BETTER NEWS OF THE KING.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN GENERAL CONDITION.

NEW TREATMENT.

BENEFICIAL RESULTS FROM CALCIUM.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Tuesday, 11.15 a.m.

The King has had a good night. The general and local conditions are unchanged.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT.
HUGH M. RIGBY.
DAWSON OF PENN.

8.15 p.m.

The King has had a restful day, and there is a slight improvement in the general condition.

Administration of calcium, based on chemical examination of the blood, is producing beneficial results.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT.
HUGH M. RIGBY.
E. C. DODDS.
DAWSON OF PENN.

The slight improvement in the general condition noted in last night's bulletin is what had been hoped for, and may be attributable in some measure to the new calcium treatment, now revealed for the first time.

The fact that the doctors are able to report beneficial results from the treatment is a very hopeful sign, says the Press Association. It would seem to indicate that, in the calcium treatment, has been found a method of attack against His Majesty's extreme weakness.

It will be remembered that the bulletin on December 28th announced that His Majesty's general condition, as evidenced by weight and strength, was not showing the same progress as the local condition. The doctors added that measures best adapted for meeting this difficulty had been determined and adopted.

The chemical examination was carried out under the supervision of Professor Edward Charles Dodds, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of London, who saw the King last night.

At the moment it is not possible to reveal in what way the calcium is administered, but, presumably, one of the objects of the treatment is to make up for the lack of the proper quantity of calcium in the blood.

The four doctors who signed last night's bulletin were in consultation for nearly two hours. While they were at the Palace the Prince of Wales called. He left soon after eight o'clock.

Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods, the ray therapy experts, did not call at the Palace last night.

In all eleven doctors have now taken part in consultation at the Palace. They are:—Sir Stanley Hewett, Lord Dawson of Penn, Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard Sir Humphry Rolleston, Sir Hugh Rigby (who performed the operation), Dr. Shipway, the anæsthetist; Dr. Graham Hodgson, the radiologist; Mr. L. E. H. Whitby, the bacteriologist; Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods, who apply the ray therapy treatment, and Professor Dodds.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN.

LOOKS TO "THE LIFTING OF THE CLOUDS."

The following letter was received by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House, London, yesterday from Queen Mary:—

"I have received the message which on New Year's Day the Lord Mayor never fails to address to the King.

"This message, with its expression of loyalty, devotion and sympathy from the citizens, comes to me at a time of great anxiety.

"The King's illness must take its long and arduous course, but, please God, I may look forward to the lifting of the clouds and to the happy realisation of the nation's faith and hope.

"The love and affection extended to me and my children throughout these dark days have indeed been a support to me and to those near and dear to me, and when health and strength shall be, as we hope, vouchsafed again to the King, it will be a source of happiness to him to know that in his suffering he was ever in the thoughts of the citizens of London.

"I pray you, my Lord Mayor, to convey to or[illegible] all my heartfelt thanks.

"MARY R."

"HEARTS LIGHTER TO-DAY."

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Kynaston Studd, in opening a *fête* and exhibition at the Regent Street Polytechnic yesterday, in aid of the Rebuilding and Extension Fund and the social work of the institution, said:—"All our hearts are lighter to-day on account of the good bulletin we have had on His Majesty's health from Buckingham Palace. You will be immensely touched by the Queen's reply to the telegram I was allowed to send this morning, and you will have seen there how sincerely and how deeply the King and Queen appreciate the tokens of loyalty and love that have come to them from all their people, and not least from those in the City of London."

COURT CIRCULARS.

THE KING'S NEW EQUERRIES-IN-WAITING.

The following Court Circular was issued from St. James's Palace, London, S.W., yesterday:—"The Prince of Wales received Captain H. D. Pridham-Wippell, R.N., this morning."

From Buckingham Palace a Court Circular was issued yesterday which read:—

"Captain the Hon. Alexander Hardinge and Captain the Lord Claud Hamilton have succeeded Colonel Sir Clive Wigram and Colonel George Paynter as Equerries-in-Waiting to the King.

"The Lady Desborough and the Lady Joan Verney have succeeded the Dowager Countess of Minto and the Lady Katharine Hamilton as Ladies-in-Waiting to the Queen."

LABOUR SYMPATHY.

RESOLUTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday.

The annual Congress of the National Council section of the Labour Party has unanimously passed a resolution recording its sympathy with His Majesty in his illness, and expressing a hope for his early recovery.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CALCIUM.

PROFESSOR DODDS'S MANY ATTAINMENTS.

A medical authority, referring to the administration of calcium, told a Press representative last night that this would be used in the way of a tonic for the blood circulative system, thus assisting the work of the heart and relieving it after the strain put upon it. The treatment was comparatively new, but had been rapidly developed during the last few years.

Professor Edward Charles Dodds, whose name is mentioned above in connection with the treatment, has been Professor of Bio-Chemistry at the University of London since 1925. He is Chemical Pathologist to the Middlesex Hospital, the City of London Maternity Hospital, and the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital.

Not yet thirty years of age, Professor Dodds has many scientific attainments. He has been Senior Demonstrator in Physiology and Pharmacology at the Middlesex Hospital and an Assistant in Bio-Chemistry at the Bland Sutton Institute of Pathology. He is the author of various papers on respiration, acid base equilibrium, insulin, and chemical pathological subjects.

M. POINCARE'S DECISION.

PARIS WELL PLEASED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Poincaré's decision not to resign the office of Prime Minister is received with rejoicing by most of to-day's newspapers.

The *Petit Parisien* says:—A crisis would have been all the more ridiculous in that Poincaré would have been called to succeed Poincaré.

The *Matin* learns that it took an hour and a half of pressing persuasion to conquer M. Poincaré's resistance. M. Cheron, the Minister of Finance, whose arguments were especially fervent, went so far as to offer to put his portfolio at the disposal of the Prime Minister.

"GAZETTE DU FRANC" INQUIRY.

MORE EVIDENCE ABOUT THE 150,000 FRANCS OFFER

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Gaston Vidal, Director of the Sports Service of the *Journal*, gave evidence yesterday in the *Gazette du Franc* inquiry, in the course of which he entirely corroborated the statements of his colleagues on the *Journal* with regard to the proposals of M. Amard, whom, he said, he considered as an *agent provocateur*.

His conversations with M. Amard, he added, began on December 1, and ended on December 12 in M. Amard being thrown out of his room. M. Vidal demanded to be confronted with M. Amard.

In their evidence yesterday, M. Mouthon, director of the *Journal*, M. de Marsillac, editor, and M. Hamelin, manager, spoke of an offer of 150,000 francs on behalf of Mme. Hanau to secure the cessation of the *Journal's* campaign against the *Gazette du Franc*.

The offer, they said, was not accepted.

TRADE ROUTES IN THE SKIES.

AMBITIOUS PLANS OF GERMANY.

THROUGH RUSSIA TO THE FAR EAST.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

Germany's airmen are preparing for a year of intense air activity.

"We shall encircle the globe in two weeks, make a few junkets to America, and possibly fly to the North Pole," said Dr. Hugo Eckener, the captain of the Graf Zeppelin, adding that most of his energy and that of his engineers in 1929 would go towards perfecting the new Zeppelin airship. In this ship they intend to use the new knowledge acquired on their trip to the United States.

Dr. Eckener hopes to begin construction on the improved airship early in the spring.

The apostles of heavier-than-air flying are looking forward to the new Dornier-Wal seaplane which is nearing completion on Lake Constance, near the Swiss border.

At Travemuende, on the Baltic, a small group is preparing the Rohrbach seaplane, Romar, which, it is announced, will start in the middle of January with the American airwoman, Mildred Johnson—at least Miss Johnson assures the Press that she will fly.

ONE FIRM'S YEAR'S WORK.

The Director of the Luft Hansa, Europe's biggest commercial aviation organisation, told me that the most gratifying feature of German aviation progress is the marked advance in the amount of freight conveyed. It advanced 62½ per cent. in 1928 on the total for 1927. Germany's leading company carried 111,000 passengers 800,000 kilos of mail and 480,000 kilos of baggage for a distance of more than 10,000,000 kilometres. These figures show substantial advances in all branches.

Despite this progress the Luft Hansa is still maintained to an extent of 75 per cent. by subsidies from the Reich, from various Federal States and from cities and it is estimated that, with the most favourable rate of progress, it will be ten or fifteen years before the main traffic lines will be self-supporting. The minor branch lines will likely continue indefinitely to depend on local subsidies for their existence.

Luft Hansa, with its allied foreign companies, has now established regular connection with every part of Europe, except Poland and the occupied Rhineland territory. Poland obstinately refuses to allow German 'planes to fly over her territory, and this formed one of the obstacles to the successful conclusion of the recent German-Polish trade pact negotiations which were broken off.

BIG INTERNATIONAL LINES.

The Saar district was this year released for German fliers, and it is expected that the Rhineland second zone will be set free in 1929, allowing the extension of the German air lines westward.

Luft Hansa, however, is not anxious to add to the number of existing lines. It prefers to increase the frequency of flights on the present lines. Excellent results have been achieved this year on the new through lines linking up Berlin with Paris, Frankfort, Vienna and Zurich, with non-stop flights. These lines are most popular with passengers.

Meantime traffic experts are mapping out plans for big international lines. Junkers is perfecting preparations for its German-Russian-Siberian-Chinese line, with minor lines switching off to Persia, Afghanistan and Asia Minor from the main Russian junction points.

SEAS AWAITING ARGOSIES.

Karl Figdor is agitating with the greatest energy for the development of German air lines to South America by aeroplane or airship. He asserts that the great future line of traffic across the world will lead naturally through Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Las Palmas, the Canary Islands, Travemuende, or other ports in Germany, Moscow, Peking and Shanghai.

"It is up to Germany to hurry and establish herself in international air lines," he declares. "She must beat competition in the Asiatic Seas and in the South Atlantic. Whoever runs the first successful lines there will be the winner."

AFGHAN SITUATION.

NO FURTHER SERIOUS FIGHTING.

Reuter's Agency understands that messages are now coming through fairly regularly from the British Legation at Kabul. These messages make little mention of the situation in Afghanistan, but are mainly concerned with the plans for the evacuation from Kabul of foreign nationals which the British Government has undertaken and which it is understood has not yet been wholly completed.

It is surmised that all serious fighting and operations between the Government troops and the rebels have been suspended owing to the wintry conditions which have now set in.

KING AMANULLAH REWARDS HIS TROOPS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PESHAWAR, Tuesday.

King Amanullah of Afghanistan has rewarded the troops at Kabul with two months' pay, following their repulse of the followers of Bachai Saqao, one of the rebel leaders. The pay of the Risala Shahi (King's Bodyguard) has been increased from fourteen to twenty rupees a month. Liberal compensation has been paid to the villagers of Nan Burji who suffered losses during the incursion of the rebels.

Owing to the severe cold in Kabul another concentration by the rebels is improbable, if not impossible, until the spring. No snow has fallen at Jalalabad, and the Shinwaris are still able to keep the field in front of the town.

CORPS OF GENTLEMEN-AT-ARMS.

THE EARL OF LUCAN AS CAPTAIN.

The *London Gazette* last night contained the following announcement, issued from the Lord Chamberlain's Office, Buckingham Palace:—

"Brigadier-General George Charles Earl of Lucan, K.B.E., C.B., A.D.C., lately a Lord-in-Waiting in Ordinary to the King, has been appointed to be Captain of His Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, in the room of Ivor Miles Earl of Plymouth, resigned."

The Earl of Plymouth has resigned this office consequent upon his appointment to succeed Lord Lovat as Under Secretary for Dominion Affairs.

The Earl of Lucan, the fifth holder of the title in the Peerage of Ireland, has seen considerable active service. He is Chairman of the City of London Territorial Association and Air Force Association. His sister, the Duchess of Abercorn, is the wife of the Governor of Northern Ireland. The third Earl was a Field-Marshal.

SIMON COMMISSION GOES TO ASSAM.

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.

The Simon Commission left to-day for Shillong, Assam.—(Reuter.)

SUCCESS OF THE DAWES PLAN.

GERMANY'S ABILITY TO PAY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

NEW MOVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparation Payments, to-day issued the report for the fourth annuity year, which brings to an end the so-called "Transition Period," so that the execution of the experts' plan has now entered upon the first standard annuity year during which Germany has to pay 2,500,000,000 gold marks.

The Agent-General announces that, as in previous years, Germany has made all the payments required of her—namely, 1,750,000,000 gold marks—loyally and punctually and that the transfers have been regularly and currently made without disturbance of the German exchange.

THE BRITISH SHARE.

The British share of the money paid by Germany during the fourth annuity year amounted altogether to roughly 373,250,000 marks, of which nearly thirteen millions were used for the expenses of the British Army on the Rhine, 56,500,000 marks were taken in cash transfers and 297,500,000 marks were taken through the operation of the Reparations Recovery Act in the sterling equivalent at the Bank of England.

The total funds available to France amounted to just over 1,000,000,000 gold marks, of which 50,500,000 marks were taken for the expenses of the French Army on the Rhine.

ABLE TO PAY.

The Agent-General, in an exhaustive review of Germany's financial position, is evidently unable to find any indication that it is not a sound one, or incapable of bearing the reparations burden.

On the contrary, he points out that the German Budget is still under the influence of the tendencies towards overspending and over-borrowing to which he called attention in his memorandum of October 20th, 1927, owing principally to the increasing expenditures resulting from the sweeping increases in official salaries and pensions and the continuing drain of the financial settlement with the states and communes.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

Mr. Parker Gilbert comments that it is clear now that if the German Government, after more than four years' delay, will take the practical steps that are necessary for the protection of its own Budget, it can save hundreds of millions of marks of which it is now deprived by arbitrary transfers to the states and communes, and, at the same time, bring about, for the first time since stabilisation, a *régime* of orderly Budget-making on the part of the states and communes themselves.

The Agent-General adds that the revenues of the Reich continue to show a favourable development and that the practical problem now is to keep the Government expenditure within the limits of the available revenue and that the time is approaching when more vigorous measures in this direction will have to be taken, though there can be no question of the ability of the Budget of the Reich to provide the full amount of its standard contribution under the experts' plan.

GERMANY'S TRADE.

He notes that German foreign trade has made marked progress towards reaching a position of stability and balance, and German production and trade, as well as credit conditions, have taken on an aspect of greater steadiness than at any time since the war.

The tendencies towards over-expansion, which had developed during 1927, have now been checked before they reached dangerous proportions; commodity prices have become relatively stable, and the general volume of consumption appears to have remained during 1928 at about the high level of 1927, giving an impressive indication of the improved standard of living among the great mass of the German population.

BIG TASK FOR ALL CONCERNED.

The Agent-General concludes his views on these points with the following paragraph: "Great as the progress of Germany has been during the last four years it is not to be supposed that she has yet made up for the values destroyed in the war, or for the values which would have been produced had there been no war. But it should always be remembered that present discussions and difficulties are not confined to Germany. The work of paying for the war, even ten years after its conclusion, remains a heavy task for all the countries which participated in it.

"Of all the former belligerents not one has yet freed itself from the debt and burden left them from the war, and all of them, although in different degrees, have suffered from its inflationary consequences. Moreover, the reconstruction of Germany, as the experts said in their report, is not an end in itself, but is a part of the larger problem of the reconstruction of Europe.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED.

"Since 1924, when stabilisation was achieved and the execution of the experts' plan begun, Germany's reconstruction has at least kept pace with the reconstruction of Europe as a whole, and it has played an essential part in the general process of European reconstruction."

The Agent-General seems, by his report to be expressing the opinion that during the past four years' working of the experts' plan confidence has been restored, and Germany has been re-established as a going concern on a relatively high level of economic activity. From the very outset, he says, the plan has realised its primary object of securing the expected reparation payments and transfers to the creditor Powers.

NEW COMMITTEE'S TASK.

But the fact that there was still no final termination of Germany's liabilities has left an element of uncertainty in the plan itself and in the affairs of all the countries concerned in reparations, and it has become increasingly clear that a final settlement of the problem to be achieved by mutual agreement would be in the best interest of the creditor Powers and Germany alike.

A decisive step has now been taken in this direction, and, Mr. Parker Gilbert concludes, "the new Expert Committee is to draw up proposals for a complete and final settlement of the reparations problem, and it is thus expressly empowered by the Governments concerned to consider the fundamental problems still remaining to be solved, and to carry to its logical conclusion the work of the first Committee of Experts."

THE SOUTH AMERICAN DISPUTE.

BOLIVIA DELAYS IN SIGNING THE PROTOCOL.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The protocol between Bolivia and Paraguay was not signed to-night, as was expected, because the Bolivian Minister had not received the necessary instructions from his Government.

7 A.M. EDITION.

THE THIRD TEST.

HAMMOND SCORES 200.

ENGLAND ALL OUT 417.

(Special Cable.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

England's great bid yesterday to dispose of Australia's hitherto feeble challenge for "The Ashes," once and for all, had knocked most of the remaining optimism out of the Commonwealth's supporters.

The end of the holidays also accounted for a marked falling off in the attendance, which, when play opened to-day in brilliant weather, numbered only 7,000.

A fast wicket and outfield gave Hammond ideal conditions for his great attempt to make cricket history by scoring double centuries in successive matches.

A CONFIDENT START.

A'Beckett took the first over, and Grimmett bowled from the other end. Neither Hammond nor Jardine displayed any anxiety in taking up the thread of England's innings with the score at 312 for 4. Hammond, who was 169, needed only 31 runs for his double century, and the way he began to-day made his chance look very promising.

Grimmett, however, was determined to make his task as difficult as possible. The South Australian bowled without a slip, but had two men close in on the leg side, a disposition that betrayed leg theory tactics.

Ryder made an early change, Oxenham displacing A'Beckett at 334. The Australian captain profited by his experience against Hammond by rearranging his field, and by reinforcing the on-side he blocked Hammond's drives there, and also reduced the effectiveness of his straight hits.

Hammond fulfilled all his early promise, and continued to outpace Jardine in the work of run-getting. When the partnership was two hours old it had advanced the total by 100 runs, and just afterwards 350 was hoisted.

The innings had then been in progress a few minutes under seven hours. He had copied Grimmett in his tactics by having five men on the on-side. It was a very hazardous experiment against a batsman like Hammond, who rarely uses the pull, but is essentially an off-side batsman.

Fourteen runs later Hammond set up a new record, and reaching 200, achieved the feat of two successive double centuries.

HAMMOND 200.

All the Australians joined in the wonderful demonstration which greeted this marvellous feat. The next over, however, saw him dismissed by an appropriately marvellous catch by A'Beckett.

—— AND OUT.

Hammond drove Blackie very hard just to the right of the bowler. The ball flashed by Blackie, but A'Beckett, fielding at very deep mid-on, flung himself into the line of the ball, and while still in the air he got his two hands to it and held it.

He then lost his balance, and rolled over on the ground at full length, but by hanging grimly on to the ball he completed one of the greatest catches seen on the Melbourne ground.

Hammond's batting added another wonderful record to this series of Tests. In making cricket history he scored his runs chiefly on the off-side, but he was never at a loss for strokes all round the wicket.

STRAIGHT DRIVING.

His straight drives were thrilling in their intensity. He batted nearly six hours and 40 minutes, and hit seventeen 4's. His partnership with Jardine took the score from 238 to 364 in just over two hours and a half.

CAUGHT AND BOWLED.

Larwood was next in. In contrast to his previous display, however, he fell an easy prey to Blackie, as, in the over following Hammond's dismissal, and before another run had been added, he lobbed a ball back for that bowler to make a clever catch low down with one hand.

Geary joined Jardine, who was still 42. Grimmett relieved Hendry for an over just prior to lunch. He bowled to a silly mid-on and a silly mid-off.

TWO WICKETS FOR ONE RUN.

Geary and Jardine, however, defended stolidly until lunch time, when the score was 365 for 6 wickets.

The last twenty minutes, which had seen the fall of two English wickets for one run, had completely altered the complexion of the game for Australia, and all the fieldsmen were now on their toes.

The crowd, too, were jubilant at this unexpected turn of the tide. At the interval Jardine, who was 43 not out, remained England's chief hope.

Ten thousand people watched a grim fight after lunch. Grimmett and Blackie bowled. Jardine reached his 50 in under three hours, but Geary only just escaped before he had scored. He hit a ball from Blackie to deep mid-on, where A'Beckett's fine effort just failed.

A KEEN FINISH.

Australia was stimulated to greater efforts, and at 381 they were rewarded with Geary's wicket. He lurched forward in attempting to play Grimmett, and was out l.b.w.

Four runs later Jardine returned an easy catch to Blackie. He batted for 3 hours 12 minutes with his usual patience, and hit six 4's.

Blackie made short work of Duckworth, and England required seven runs for a first innings lead.

Tate, who had come in on Geary's dismissal, remained as the last hope of England, and he rose to the occasion. White maintained a sound defence, and the Australian total of 397 was passed when England had been batting just over eight hours.

Grimmett finally got Tate's wicket at 417, when Kippax took a "sitter" at deep square leg, England having gained a 20 runs lead.

The innings closed at eight minutes past 3. England's last five wickets fell in seventy minutes for 53 runs.

From the time he came on at 351, just before Hammond was out, Blackie's figures read—16 overs, 4 maidens, 34 runs, 4 wickets.

The batting, however, was deplorable after lunch.

AUSTRALIA BATS AGAIN.

Woodfull and Richardson opened Australia's second innings to the bowling of Tate and Larwood. Larwood got plenty of pace into his opening over, and in his second over he put Australia's tail down again by shattering Richardson's wicket when only 7 runs were on the board.

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

W. M. Woodfull c Jardine b Tate	7
V. Y. Richardson c Duckworth b Larwood	3
H. L. Hendry c Jardine b Larwood	23
A. F. Kippax c Jardine b Larwood	100
J. S. Ryder c Hendren b Tate	112
D. Bradman b Hammond	79
W. A. Oldfield b Geary	3
E. A'Beckett c Duckworth b White	41
R. K. Oxenham b Geary	15
C. V. Grimmett c Duckworth b Geary	5
D. Blackie not out	2
Extras	7
Total	397

Fall of Wickets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	15	57	218	282	287	373	383	394	397

Australia—Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	37	3	127	3
Tate	46	17	87	2
Geary	31.5	4	83	3
Hammond	8	4	19	1
White	57	30	64	1
Jardine	1	0	10	0

ENGLAND—First Innings.

Hobbs c Oldfield b A'Beckett	20
Sutcliffe b Blackie	58
Hammond c A'Beckett b Blackie	230
A. P. F. Chapman b Blackie	24
Hendren c A'Beckett b Hendry	19
D. R. Jardine c and b Blackie	62
Larwood c and b Blackie	0
Geary l.b.w. b Grimmett	1
Tate c Kippax b Grimmett	21
Duckworth b Blackie	3
J. C. White not out	3
Extra	1
Total	417

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NEW GROUPING IN THE SENATE.

GOVERNMENT PARTY TO BE FORMED.

From Our Political Correspondent.

Steps are being taken to form a "Government Party" in the Free State Senate.

In response to a circular, signed by Senators Sean Milroy and J. J. MacKean, a meeting of members of the Second Chamber interested in the proposal was held shortly before the recess, and it was agreed that Senator Dr. O'Sullivan, of Inch House, Killarney, should act as Chairman of the new party.

The only question now awaiting decision is whether there should be a definite party Whip requiring the constant and unquestioning obedience of every member. On this important point I hear that a divergence of views is manifest, but it is expected that nearly twenty members of the House will be prepared to submit themselves to rigid party discipline.

POSSIBLE MEMBERS.

Some divisions taken in the Chamber before the adjournment afford an indication of the probable *personnel* of the suggested new party. In all probability it will include the Countess of Desart, General the Right Hon. Sir Bryan Mahon, Sir Edward Bellingham, Sir Walter Nugent, Surgeon Barniville, Dr. Gogarty, Mrs. E. Costello, M. F. O'Hanlon, J. MacLoughlin, J. J. MacKean, W. J. Molloy, J. J. Counihan, W. Sears, Sean Milroy, Richard Wilson, Brian O'Rourke, Dr. O'Sullivan, J. J. Parkinson and Thomas Toal.

I am told that the Right Hon. Andrew Jameson, Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., and Mr. Alfred Byrne will not become members of the new party, preferring to remain independent.

THE "PROGRESSIVES."

The present proposals, it was stated yesterday, arises from the existence in the House of a Progressive Party Little, if anything, was known to the general public of such a party, but the truth is that it was no more than a loose combination of fifteen or more senators united in a tacit agreement to support the Ministry against other quarters of the House, but to vote against it on such occasions as individual members thought fit and proper. The new party, however, is not merely a revival of the same combination.

A prominent senator, who was one of the so-called Progressives in the last House, and who proposes to identify himself officially with the new group, told me yesterday that the latter combination may be regarded as the first definite Government party in the Senate, and his personal belief is that from the viewpoint of party or party discipline it will not be less "hidebound" than the Cumann na nGaedheal Party in the Dail.

RAILWAY AND OMNIBUS JOIN HANDS.

NEW COMPANY WITH MILLION POUNDS CAPITAL.

The Great Western Railway Company and the National Omnibus and Transport Company announce that an agreement has been arrived at between them, under which a new company has been formed with an authorised capital of one million pounds, and that that company will take over all road services for passengers now being run by the respective parties in an agreed area in the western counties. The title of the new company is the Western National Omnibus Company, Limited, and the Great Western and National Companies will have equal representation on the board. Sir John Jarvis, Bart., will be its first chairman. It is anticipated that there will be a considerable extension of facilities for the travelling public in the West of England, including through bookings to cover rail and road services to and from the more important villages throughout the area. The arrangement will also afford an opportunity for making considerable improvements in, and additions to, the existing services of the two companies, and there is no doubt that the shareholders of both companies, as well as the general public, will derive material benefit.

THE SHEFFIELD 'BUS SERVICES.

Another important development in road and rail transport took place in Sheffield yesterday when the joint 'bus services operated by the Corporation and by the London and North-Eastern and the London, Midland and Scottish Railways were inaugurated.

The motor 'bus services have been divided into three groups. Those within the city remain under the full control of the Corporation, the suburban services are jointly operated by the Corporation and the railway companies, and the long-distance routes are operated by the railway companies.

Arrangements have been made for 'buses on suburban and long-distance routes to call at the railway stations either immediately before or after the commencement of the journey, and railway officials are hopeful of the success of the traffic combine. The Sheffield coat-of-arms on the 'buses working the joint routes has been replaced by a device in the shape of a horseshoe, with the names of the Corporation and the railway companies.

£20,000 FOR MINERS' DISTRESS FUND.

A gift of £20,000 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Miners' Distress Fund from "American Friends of the Prince of Wales," following a conversation a few days ago over the London-New York telephone between a prominent American who is a personal friend of the Prince and Sir Godfrey Thomas.

The American caller told Sir Godfrey that he and some of his friends had been greatly touched by the Prince's broadcast appeal and inquired whether a contribution from an American citizen would be regarded in any way as an intrusion. He was assured that help from any source would be welcomed, and a draft for £20,000 was delivered within a few hours to Sir Godfrey Thomas from the London Branch of an American Banking Corporation, in accordance with cabled instructions received from New York.

The Prince of Wales is unaware of the identity of the generous donors, with the exception of that of their spokesman, who wished to remain anonymous.

MANCHESTER SELECTIONS.

DAILY TELEGRAPH.

1. 0—Thistanel. 2.30—Kilbrain.
1.30—Swift Rowland. 3. 0—Nottingham pet.
2. 0—Desert Chief. 3.30—Jacksdale.

DAILY NEWS.

1. 0—Dunbarry Star. 2.30—Red Splash, nap.
1.30—Swift Rowland. 3. 0—Fawn Away.
2. 0—Knight Bachelor. 3.30—St. Germaine.

DAILY MAIL.

1. 0—Thistanel. 2.30—Red Splash.
1.30—Hy Spy. 3. 0—Nottingham Pet. n.
2. 0—Gallant Lover. 3.30—Sultan of Wicken.

(Continued from previous Column.)

Fall of Wickets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
28	161	201	238	364	364	381	385	391	417

England—Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A'Beckett	37	7	92	1
Hendry	20	8	35	1
Grimmett	55	14	114	2
Oxenham	35	11	67	0
Blackie	44	14	94	6
Ryder	4	0	14	0

AUSTRALIA—Second Innings.

W. M. Woodfull not out	15
V. Y. Richardson b Larwood	5
H. L. Hendry not out	3
Extra	1
Total (1 wkt.)	24

Fall of Wickets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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TEA SCORE—24 for 1 wicket.

£200,000 FIRE IN BELFAST.

FACTORY GUTTED.

COLLAPSE OF A WALL.

FIREMEN'S ESCAPE.

Damage estimated at nearly £200,000 was caused by an outbreak of fire which occurred in Great Victoria street, Belfast, a short distance from the Great Northern Railway terminus, early yesterday morning.

The premises of Messrs. Spence, Bryson and Co., Ltd., handkerchief manufacturers, which form part of a big six-storey block of buildings, were destroyed, and there was a good deal of damage to the adjoining premises.

BRIGADE CALLED.

The alarm reached the fire station at about seven o'clock, and in a short time all the available engines in the city were upon the scene. The fire, however, had made much headway before it was discovered and flames were bursting from every window and through the roof of the building.

Shortly before eight o'clock workers on their way to their employment gathered in the street, and in the early morning mist the fire presented an awe-inspiring sight, and as the roof fell in clouds of sparks soared a hundred feet into the air. The glare of the fire could be seen for miles.

FIREMEN'S ESCAPE.

After the roof had fallen the front wall in Victoria street assumed an ominous bulge at the top, and the firemen, expecting a collapse, withdrew to the centre of the road. A few seconds later the wall from the top to the third floor came crashing to the roadway, and from this onward heavy ironwork and girders, bent and twisted by the intense heat, continued to push big blocks of masonry to the street below.

Fireman Savage had mounted the main staircase for the purpose of making a survey shortly before the roof collapsed. He had a very narrow escape. Seeing the danger, he retreated to a place of comparative safety just as the roof came down. He was struck by a small piece of masonry and was temporarily stunned, but was able to go to the fire station, where his wound was dressed.

THE ADJOINING PREMISES.

The great height of the building was a serious handicap to the firemen owing to the danger of falling walls.

It was evident from the first that it would be impossible to save the actual premises involved, and the brigade directed their energies to preventing the fire from spreading. A constant stream of water was pumped against the walls of the adjoining premises, and all the engines were kept working at full speed.

The four shops on the ground floor were not affected to any great extent by the fire, but they were flooded with water that came down from the upper storeys. These were occupied by J. M'Guffin, hairdresser and tobacconist; M. Fitzsimmons, confectioner; the Sports Emporium, and Messrs. Vivien, ladies' outfitters. In the north end of the block of buildings occupied by warehousemen and agents, there was also considerable damage by water.

A grim reminder of the danger in which the firemen were placed was a fire-escape which was partly buried in the *débris* after the front wall had collapsed.

BIG FIRE AT DROMORE.

THOUSANDS OF POUNDS DAMAGE.

The Belfast firemen had a very busy time at the beginning of the new year. A section of the Brigade had been on duty for most of the night at the big fire in Dromore, where part of the premises of Messrs. William Jardine and Co., dyers, bleachers and linen manufacturers, was burned. They had only returned to headquarters when they were called out to the fire at Great Victoria street.

The fire at Dromore was confined to the building where it originated, and the main factory building, although in serious jeopardy for some time, was saved. It is not expected that the fire will interfere with the employment of 200 hands.

Many thousands of pounds' damage was done by fire and water.

INDIAN MOSLEMS AND A CONSTITUTION.

A TEN HOURS' DEBATE.

Telegraphing from Delhi yesterday *The Times* Correspondent says:—The All-India Moslem Conference in the Subjects Committee and full Session spent over ten hours to-day considering the main resolution, in which it declared the Moslem attitude towards the general question of constitutional progress. Unanimity prevailed throughout, and the final spur towards it, in spite of the widely different political points of view of the different leaders present, was provided by the reports brought from Calcutta by those who, hoping against hope, had been taking part in the recent negotiations with the Congress managers there. Nehru and his fellow-workers are ready to give way and compromise on all questions, big and small, except one—that is the division between them and Moslems, and in that regard they will do nothing to meet us. Proof of their words was held to be provided by the complete failure of Mr. Jinnah and his section of the Moslem League to secure a vestige of success along the lines of compromise.

The resolution passed to-night by the Moslem Conference paid no heed to the Nehru report and its constitutional proposals, nor to such questions as co-operation or non-co-operation, Dominion *status* or independence. Such points were brushed aside in the Subjects Committee, so as to secure the concentration of men of all Moslem political sections on the central problem of the security of Indian Moslem culture.

The final resolution, which covered two and a half pages of closely-typed foolscap, was, indeed, in the nature of a manifesto. It initially declared for a Federal system for India, with complete autonomy and residuary powers vested in the constituent States, the Central Government having control only of such matters of common interest as were specifically entrusted to it by the Constitution.

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£380,000 DERRY BRIDGE.

SCHEME APPROVED BY CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Derry Corporation was called for yesterday to approve of the promotion of a bill in the Northern Parliament to construct a new bridge across the River Foyle at Derry, at a cost of £380,000, and to remove the existing Carlisle Bridge.

The approval of a majority of the forty members of the Council is necessary for the promotion of the bill; but at noon, the hour for which the meeting was summoned, only nineteen members were present. A few minutes later Alderman Babington arrived, but it was not till eight minutes past twelve, when Councillor McCay, who had been telephoned for, arrived, and the business of the Council then began.

Alderman Moore, H.M.L., then proposed a resolution authorising the Corporation to promote a bill in the Northern Parliament for the construction of a new bridge across the Foyle, within the city, a railway connecting with the railways of the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners on each side of the river and passing over the lower railway of the new bridge; the abandonment, demolition and removal of the existing Carlisle Bridge; to enable the Corporation to levy tolls, rates and charges in respect of the new bridge; to authorise the Corporation, the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners, the Irish Society, the Northern Counties Committee of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) and any local authorities, or other bodies, to enter into and fulfil agreements for and with respect to any of the purposes of the bill; to authorise the Corporation to borrow money for all or any of the purposes of the bill, including the costs and expenses of the promotion thereof; and to make all other necessary financial provisions; to authorise the Corporation to make by-laws with regard to any of the matters referred to in the bill, to impose penalties and to confer all other necessary powers upon the Corporation.

Councillor Bradley seconded.

Councillor McMenamin—The tolls only apply to the lower bridge?

The Town Clerk—Yes.

The resolution was then passed unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD'S STRANGE COLLAPSE.

WOMAN DEAD: FOUR PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL.

A death, believed to be due to some form of gas poisoning, has occurred in a house in Dundee street, Edinburgh, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John White. In the course of Monday evening Mrs. White became ill and was taken to bed. Later her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, called. A short time after their arrival Mrs. Robertson also became ill, and she went to the room where her mother lay. Mr. White was the next to be affected, and he lay down in another room.

Meantime Mr. Robertson had gone home, and it was not until the arrival of a son of Mr. White that the condition of the household was discovered. He found the occupants of the house in a state of collapse. A doctor was called, and he found Mrs. Robertson to be dying. Her death occurred soon afterwards.

Another woman, Mrs. O'Dowd, who went to the help of the family, was also affected, and she, Mr. and Mrs. White, and Mrs. Williamson, a daughter of the Whites, were all taken to the Royal Infirmary and detained.

There is a manhole in the vicinity of the house, which adjoins a brewery. The local Gas Department officials are investigating the matter.

SIR JOHN SALMOND.

THE NEW AIR CHIEF MARSHAL.

The Air Ministry announced yesterday that Air Marshal Sir John Maitland Salmond, principal Air Aide-de-Camp to the King, has been appointed Air Chief Marshal.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Frederick A. Higgins has been appointed Air Marshal, and Air Commodore Hugh Caswall Tremenheere Dowding as Air Vice-Marshal.

"TAILS UP."

Sir John Salmond, always known as "Tails Up" because of the phrase that he used in a famous war despatch, was born in 1881. He joined the Army in 1901 as a second lieutenant in the Royal Lancaster Regiment, and served in South Africa. In 1914 he was in command of a squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, and received rapid promotion. He was Director-General of Military Aeronautics on the Air Board, and returned to France in 1917 as General Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Later he became Air Officer Commanding Inland Area, R.A.F., and in October, 1922, was appointed first Air Officer to command the British forces in Iraq.

Sir John Salmond is married to a daughter of Lord Desborough..

Sir John Frederick Higgins, who is the new Air Marshal, was Member for Supply and Research of the Air Council for two years. He served in South Africa and throughout the European War. For four years he commanded the forces in Iraq.

OTHER IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

It was also announced yesterday that Air Chief Marshal Sir John M. Salmond has been appointed as Air Member for *Personnel* on the Air Council in the place of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip W. Game.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington has succeeded to the post of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Air Defence of Great Britain in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John M. Salmond.

Air Vice-Marshal F. R. Scarlett, who has been acting as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Air Defence of Great Britain during the absence in Australia of Air Chief Marshal Sir John M. Salmond, was appointed yesterday to be Air Officer Commanding Fighting Area Air Defence of Great Britain.

In this post he succeeds Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, who recently went to Iraq to succeed Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edward Ellington.

AMERICAN INVESTORS' BIG PLUM.

£300,000,000 IN DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Close on $1,500,000,000 (£300,000,000) will, it is estimated in Wall street, be distributed in dividends and interest by American companies in January, the largest proportion being paid out in the first few days of the month.

Such a total would far exceed any figures for the past, and would involve the largest turnover of funds that has taken place in any period that did not include financing by the United States Treasury Department.

In January, 1928, the disbursement by companies just about touched the $1,000,000,000 (£200,000,000) mark, the largest on record up to that time. Since then a tremendous volume of new stock issue has been marketed on which dividends now are being paid.

Many companies have increased their rates, some have resumed dividend payments after periods of suspension, and a considerable number have declared extras which will be paid around the first of the year.

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THE NEW LEARNING OF TO-DAY.

A MUSICAL REFORMATION HERALDED.

PLAN FOR UNITY IN THE PROFESSION.

A united musical profession, in which composers, teachers and performers will all work in harmony as members of one organisation, is the hope of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, whose annual conference began at Buxton yesterday.

One of the reasons for unity urged by Mr. Lewis Hann (Cheltenham) was what he described as "the menace of wireless to the profession."

MATTERS FOR ANXIETY.

BROADCASTING AND BOGUS INSTITUTIONS.

"The Mechanisation of Music," Mr. Hann said, "will affect us all individually and collectively. With gramophone companies we are not concerned. They are independent private companies, which work with the one object of earning small or large dividends for shareholders; but they can claim to have done a lot of good in producing high-class music as well as educating the public. The wireless organisation is a different matter. Although an immense boon to the public, I see in it a menace to the profession which wants watching. We must be a strong society numerically to enforce our demands if necessary."

Dr. W. G. Whittaker (Newcastle-on-Tyne), who moved a resolution calling upon the Council to formulate a policy to secure unity in the profession, also spoke of the mechanisation of music. "Wireless," he said, "has made music a subject of national interest. Its influence is increasingly potent; its possibilities are almost beyond the grasp of our realisation. No one knows what problems will arise in the future in connection with it, or in what way the musical profession will be called upon to aid. Music is becoming recognised more and more not only as a subject for general education, but as a necessary part of the life of all, and there is an urgent need for a strong and representative body to watch the progress of this movement and to guide opinion in the right direction."

Mr. E. Sims-Hilditch (Crewe) raised the question of bogus musical institutions. "For twenty years we have had this question before us," he said. "What have we done? Nothing. The general public do not understand the difference between a good musical institution and a bogus one. This Society, if it cannot name a bogus organisation, should at least publish a list of institutions to whose examinations parents can safely send their children."

Mr. Charles Maclean, Secretary of the National Council of Music in Wales, said that there were many tragic instances in South Wales of poor people who had spent money they could ill afford to secure diplomas which were useless.

THE FREEDOM OF MUSIC.

Sir Hugh P. Allen said that a musical reformation had taken place. There was no longer ignorance of music on all hands. Thousands of people had been baptised into music and had become enfranchised. "There are the same potentialities," he said, "which came about with the extension of the printing press and the spread of knowledge. If we do not adjust ourselves to the new learning and seize our opportunities we shall merit the just condemnation of our successors."

The resolution of Dr. Whittaker was passed unanimously.

An amusing story was told by Sir Hugh Allen. "Our status," he said, "has never been higher. Here is a proof of that. A letter was once addressed to *me*—'Hugh P. Allen, Muck Doc.'" That is the most honourable distinction I have ever gained." (Laughter.)

Dr. Adrian C. Boult, in his presidential address, said that he could quite understand how an accident might sometimes cause young people to choose one of what he might call the office professions, but there could be no accident about music. Even to professionals music was still both their work and recreation, or, at any rate, they found that its nature enabled them to devote to it as many hours in the twenty-four as the average worker gave to his business and his hobby together.

SENSIBLE PARENTS.

Parents no longer expected their children merely to be able to play a piece on the pianoforte every school term, but realise that if they learned to play an instrument in which they could take part in orchestral work they would get more good out of their music. In earlier days he had heard a pianoforte teacher criticised because he spent a large part of the lesson playing to the pupil. Surely this was better than to spend a large part of the time fast asleep while the pupil was playing to him. Let them try, however unpromising the material, to extract a spark of interest for the work in hand. That spark would fly in both directions, and their own pleasure in giving the lesson would be vastly and steadily increased. Referring to community singing, Dr. Boult said that at a great business house in Birmingham half an hour's community singing took place every Monday morning before they began business, and it was declared that the "Monday morning feeling" they all knew so well had disappeared from the staff.

GREAT TURNOVER IN MONEY.

BRITISH "RECORDS" IN 1928.

Four new "records" were established in the turnover of money in Great Britain in the past year. The statistics issued by the Bankers' Clearing House yesterday show that 1928 produced the highest yet for a day, a week, a month, and a year for the total of bills, cheques, etc., paid at the Clearing House. These "records" are:—

Day, December 31—£273,764,000.
Week ended July 4—£1,093,229,000.
Month, October—£3,960,955,000.
Year, 1928—£44,204,729,000.

SOME PREVIOUS FIGURES.

The previous highest figures were:—
April 30, 1925—£265,255,000.
Week ended Oct. 5, 1927—£1,035,722,000.
January, 1928—£3,770,854,000.
1927—£41,550,541,000.

Last year's clearings in the three departments compare with those of 1927 as follow:—

Town—£39,311,117,000; inc., £2,491,435,000.
Metropolitan — £1,854,190,000; increase, £96,158,000.
Country Cheques—£3,039,422,000; increase, £66,595,000.
Grand Total — £44,204,729,000; increase, £2,654,188,000.

REASONS FOR THE ACTIVITY.

The reasons for the further "record" created by 1928 are—The sale of Treasury Bonds and other Government financial transactions; the increasing turnover of money in the short money market; the increased activity on the Stock Exchange, especially during the first six months of the year, when the total for the twelve Stock Exchange settling days exceeded by 256 millions the amount for the same period of the previous year—the total for the Stock Exchange settling days during the complete year of £4,427,351,000 exceeded by £446,948,000 the aggregate for 1927—the large amount resultant from the increase in the number of new issues which appeared during the year, a total of £369,000,000 of new capital being issued, an increase on 1927 of £54,000,000. Many new issues were greatly over-subscribed.

BRAZILIAN TARIFFS.

HIGHER TEXTILE RATES.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Tuesday.

The Brazilian Congress adjourned late last night until next May, passing in its last hours the new tariff on textiles, which British and American importers will, doubtless, regard as an unwelcome New Year's gift.

The new measure increases the duties by from 10 to over 100 per cent., according to calculations that have been made by experts. Cotton yarns for weaving will be subject to a duty of from 40 to 90 per cent. heavier than before, and textiles generally will be increased by 10 to 80 per cent. There are over 350 textile mills in Brazil, the majority of which are in the State of Sao Paulo.

FREE SCHOOL-BOOKS

A BELFAST PROPOSAL REJECTED.

The Belfast Corporation yesterday rejected by 28 votes to 13 a proposal brought forward by a Labour member, Councillor Midgley, to increase the sum of £1,750 in the education estimates for the supply of books free of charge to necessitous children in elementary schools to £20,000, "so that the Committee might be enabled to provide all children attending public elementary schools in the education area with school-books free of charge."

Councillor Midgley, who incidentally paid a warm tribute to Alderman Duff's chairmanship of the committee, said that his policy was free books for every one of the 60,000 school children in the city. This policy would not represent 3d. in the £ on the rates. His proposal would be opposed by the business men, who were in a position to send their children to schools other than public elementary ones. Elementary education should be a charge on the entire elective community.

Councillor Dawson Gordon, in seconding, said that a reason why many children were detained from school was that parents could not afford the money for books.

Councillor Pierce supported the amendment.

AN IRISH HISTORY READER.

Councillor S. Donald Cheyne pointed out that the figures in the estimates were prepared by Dr. Stanley; £1,500 was provided last year, but was not all required. Councillor Midgley knew perfectly well that the demand for the ridiculously large sum that he had asked for was not made even by the people that he proposed to represent. In the matter of books and meals, ample provision was being made for the actual needy cases, but he thought it was a shame, and an evidence of the growth of Socialism, that there should be a demand that some people should be spoonfed with every mortal thing they required.

Councillor Henderson, M.P., said that the existing facilities for education in the city were due entirely to the work of Alderman Duff. All that was now asked was that the strong should assist the weak in this matter of free books.

Councillor Kilpatrick (Nationalist), supporting the amendment, deplored that no provision was made for the inclusion of an Irish history reader. He would not vote for £20,000 if he thought his children were not going to be instructed in Irish history.

CHAIRMAN'S ATTITUDE.

Councillor Scott also supported, and Alderman Duff said that he felt it his duty to vote against the amendment. The question of providing free books was a matter that ought to receive very careful study, and in his opinion the matter was not ripe for accepting the resolution. He had gone into the matter very closely, and had ascertained it was a principle that was being adopted gradually in every city in the Empire, but they could not take this step in one stride. He was inclined to solve the problem by having fewer lesson books and more well-equipped libraries in the schools.

GERMANY'S CLAIM TO FREEDOM.

PRESIDENT HINDENBURG'S NEW YEAR SPEECH.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

The customary New Year reception of the Diplomatic Corps by President von Hindenburg took place this morning.

The Papal Nuncio *doyen* of the Corps, addressing the President, offered his best wishes, and said that, in spite of inevitable disappointments and temporary relapses, humanity was advancing resolutely on the royal road to peace, and the mind of man tended less towards conquest by force and material riches than towards greatness and moral nobility.

The Papal Nuncio added—"Germany, on the inauguration of the general pact to renounce war as an instrument of national policy, solemnly declared her adherence to the peaceful extension of the relations between States. May the year which has just opened bring a happy solution of the important and delicate problems on which depend the tranquillity of Europe, and thus mark a milestone on the bright and fertile road towards general pace and the brotherly union of all men on earth."

President von Hindenburg, replying, said:—"Although the German nation is working earnestly to form a true union of peace, based on confidence and equal rights, it is still in sad uncertainty in regard to the fulfilment of justifiable expectations. Thus to-day, the opening of the new year, the whole German people feel very bitterly that a great part of their country still lacks the principle of freedom, which we claim of divine and human right.

"Despite grave disappointment, we nevertheless hope that full self-determination will be restored to the German people during the new year, since the high ideals of the peace, understanding and progress of mankind can only be thoroughly developed by free peoples."

THE NEW YEAR IN DUBLIN.

CEREMONIES AT ARBOUR HILL

At the Arbour Hill Garrison Church, Dublin, Special Mass, followed by Solemn Benediction, was celebrated, when the Rev. D. Ryan was Celebrant; the Rev. M. I. Kennedy, Deacon; the Rev. S. Pigott, Subdeacon; with the Rev. J. McLoughlin as Master of Ceremonies. A special choir, under Miss Teresa Owens, with Cadet Doyle as organist, sang Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart.

A colour party, with Captain P. Duffy in charge, was present, and dipped the colours at the Elevation, and again during Benediction, a fanfare of trumpets meanwhile sounding the General Salute. Close on fifty officers were present, and nearly 500 non-commissioned officers and men. Those present included:—Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister for Defence; Lieut.-General P. McMahon, Secretary, Department of Defence; the Inspector-General, Major-General M. Brennan; the Adjutant-General, Major-General Sweeney; the Quartermaster-General, Major-General S. Mac Eoin; the Deputy Quartermaster-General, Colonel J. McLoughlin; Major Killeen, Colonel E. V. O'Carroll, and Colonel S. McGoran.

The officers in charge of the units present were:—Major Killeen (Collins Barracks)), Captain Cathal O'Shannon (G.H.Q.), and Lieut. Dwan (Police Corps).

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR.

CEREMONIES AT ARMAGH.

On Monday night St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, was thronged with worshippers, when the *Te Deum* was sung by the choir and clergy. The Archbishop presided, and, after the recital of the Rosary, gave Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The passing of the old year was marked at midnight by a peal on the Cathedral carillon.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord was celebrated in Armagh with the utmost fervour and piety. At the seven o'clock Mass in St. Malachy's and the eight o'clock and ten o'clock Masses in the Cathedral vast crowds received Holy Communion.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop celebrated the eight o'clock Mass in the Cathedral, and presided in Cappa Magna at the 11.30 o'clock High Mass.

The assistants at the throne were the Very Rev. J. P. Campbell, C.M., President, St. Patrick's College, and the Rev. C. Murphy, C.M., St. Patrick's College. The celebrant, deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass were the Rev. Patrick Finegan, Adm.; the Rev. T. Rafferty, C.M., and the Rev. A. Toner, C.C. The Rev. Leo McDonald, C.M., officiated as master of ceremonies.

DUBLIN CORPORATION CLERKS.

Open Competition for Male Clerks, 25th April. Age 16-19. 2 Successes last exam. BEST RESULT. 4 of 8 Vacancies Sept., 1928. Oral and Correspondence Classes—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green.—(Advt.)

THE SALVATION ARMY.

GENERAL B. BOOTH'S LEADERSHIP.

A PERIOD OF GREAT EXPANSION.

The Salvation Army Year Book for 1929, newly issued, is an especially interesting document at this time. Published in the year of the centenary of the birth of William Booth, the founder of the army, it presents in convenient form the annals of the great movement that he brought into being. It suggests at once the mighty effort that must have been put forward in the beginning, the zeal and enthusiasm with which William Booth and his intrepid band of warriors maintained their campaigns, and the courage and devotion to their ideals that has characterised the work of those who followed.

There never has been any backward tendency in the army or any time when its leaders sat with folded hands, and thought they could take their ease. The movement started in a passion of enthusiasm, and it has been gaining momentum from the time of its birth, receiving fresh impetus as the years rolled on at every street corner where its open-air meetings were held, and from the new-born fire of every convert it brought to the penitent form, and every wretched fellow-creature it rescued from the slough of vice and uncleanness.

A MARVELLOUS PROCESS.

In the lifetime of the founder, between its inception as the East London Revival Society in 1865, when William Booth stood alone on Mile End Waste, and 1912, when full of years and honoured of men he was called to rest, the Army had been set up in 58 countries, its message was spoken in 34 languages, the number of its corps and outposts 9,415, and the number of its commissioned officers 15,988.

That, it will be generally conceded, represented a marvellous process of development and expansion. In less than half a century a movement which sprang from the void with little of human support behind it, and dependent for its motive, power and inspiration on one man's desperate concern about sinful humanity, becomes a force of world-wide magnitude, whose uplifting influence is freely acknowledged by all sorts and conditions of men. But if there was cause for marvel in all that was done in the founder's time, the records of the army for the period that has elapsed since his death are even more remarkable.

GENERAL BRAMWELL BOOTH.

The leadership of the Salvation Army, as is generally known, from 1912 up to the present time has been held by General Bramwell Booth, the eldest son of William Booth. Unfortunately General Bramwell Booth, who is seventy-three years of age, has been suffering from a severe illness, which caused grave anxiety, but his condition is now greatly improved and it is fervently hoped that he will be restored to full health.

During the period of Bramwell Booth's leadership the army has gone on from strength to strength. Its rate of progress has been greater than at any time in its history. In the sixteen years, from 1912 to 1928, it has been established in twenty-five more countries and its message is spoken in thirty-five more languages. In 1912 the army flag, as stated, was flying in fifty-eight countries, it is now unfurled in eighty-three countries and Colonies, and while in 1912 it preached the Gospel lesson in thirty-four languages it now uses sixty-seven. In 1912 its corps and outposts numbered 9,415, now there are 15,517, and the number of its officers, cadets and whole-time employes was then 21,589, it is now 33,637. At the time of the founder's death it conducted 1,142 social institutions and agencies, it has now 1,533.

Possibly one of the most convincing indications of the strength of the army is the number of workers connected with its evangelical and social work, who, while engaged in the ordinary vocations of life, devote their spare time to the business of the army. The most important of these classes of unpaid workers are what are termed "local officers," that is men and women who, under a regular officer of the army, carry on the affairs of the branches, and there are the bandsmen, who, perhaps, more than any others have been responsible for bringing the Army to the notice of the indifferent. At the time of William Booth's death there were 55,658 local officers associated with the Army, and nearly 26,000 bandsmen. There are now 106,034 local officers and approaching 45,000 bandsmen.

SHELTER AND FOOD.

The comparative figures given show the progress of expansion of the Salvation Army work, and the force that is required to carry it on at home and abroad. Other statistics in the Year Book give in colossal figures the returns of what has been accomplished during the last twelve months through its social organisation. The Army runs 340 Shelters, hotels for working people, in which the aggregate accommodation nightly is for 35,443 persons. In these shelters last year 20,268,752 meals were supplied to the "down and out," and 10,912,648 beds were provided. In its men's industrial homes, elevators, workshops and wood yards, numbering 210, over 454,600 men were found temporary or permanent work during the year. Through its labour bureaux 284,800 men found situations. Some 7,302 women and girls were received into its industrial homes (112) during the year, and of these 6,931 returned to their friends, or places were found for them. Over 16,700 women were cared for in the Army's maternity homes, which number 79. Among the other things stated is that 2,554 ex-criminals were received into Army Prison Gate Homes during the year.

It will be easily understood that in order to carry out such a vast volume of humanitarian enterprise much money is necessary, not only for the feeding and clothing of the hungry and the needy, but in providing and maintaining the establishments and institutions necessary for carrying on the work in the 85 countries.

ARMY'S GREATEST ASSET.

Much capital expenditure has been involved in building up the organisation, and in this the Army is said to have assets, but the greatest asset the Army has ever had has been the earnestness and sincerity of the leaders and their uncompromising zeal for the cause they have taken up, the loyalty, devotion and missionary spirit of its officers and soldiers, and the gratitude of people who have benefited from the helping-hand it stretches out in all lands to those who have gone under.

In the Year Book intimate details are given of the Army's operations in all lands, and of the different phases of its activities.

MANAGING THE MONEY.

In an interesting sketch a financial expert outlines the arrangements made for managing the money contributed towards its various beneficent purposes. In this, the following passage occurs:—

"By a Deed Poll enrolled in Chancery in 1878 (the Foundation Deed of the Salvation Army), the General is constituted the trustee of all Army funds and property—that is, all the property of the Army is conveyed to and held by the General for the time being, for the benefit and use of the Army exclusively, necessary arrangements being made for securing it to the purposes for which it has been acquired, when, at his death, it shall have passed into the hands of his successor.

"The founder and the present General have, ever since the early days of strife and poverty, recognised the importance of keeping strict accounts. All moneys received at the various headquarters are carefully dealt with, a receipt being issued for every amount paid in, and all transactions being recorded by competent trustworthy accountants, in accordance with a complete and highly-approved system.

"Army accounts are, without exception, subject to a rigid periodical examination by officers duly appointed for the purpose. The accounts of international headquarters are audited by a firm of first-class accountants—Knox, Cropper and Co."

OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT.

It is stated that through the Migration and Settlement Department that the number of people settled in the Dominions of the British Empire since 1920 has been about 38,000. During the twenty-five years of its existence the department has transplanted some 200,000 migrants, of whom less than one per cent. have not succeeded. The Army specialises in training in elementary agriculture boys aged from 14 to 19, and since the inception of General Booth's scheme in 1925 more than 4,000 have been happily settled overseas. In the early days of the department the majority of the migrants went to Canada. During recent years the tendency has been towards Australia and New Zealand.

The Year Book, which has been carefully

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"MOMENTOUS TIMES" IN INDIA.

MINATORY SPEECH BY NATIVE LIBERAL.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

ALLAHABAD, Tuesday.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, the Liberal leader, making the closing speech at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation to-day, sounded a note of serious warning to the Imperial Government.

He said that India was passing through most anxious and momentous times, and that the trusteeship of Great Britain was coming to an end. Great Britain had to deal with a people which had attained its majority, and which demanded from its so-called trustees its own property as well as the accounts of stewardship.

The Imperial Government must realise, continued Sir Chimanlal, that there was a mentality growing in the country which, if not properly guided, would swallow everything—Dominion status and even the British connection and British trade. The situation could be met in a courageous way by conceding at once what the Liberals had been demanding for years.

If the Government believed that it could deal with the situation by repressive measures, it was mistaken. If the counsel of the Liberals went unheeded, heaven alone knew what the consequences would be. The Liberals would have had the satisfaction of knowing that they had given the right advice, and had freed themselves from responsibility for the consequences.

A VICTORY FOR GANDHISM.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.

The National Congress concluded its session to-day after unanimously adopting a resolution, proposed by Mr. Gandhi, laying down a comprehensive programme of mass organisation, the removal of untouchability, the prohibition of liquor and the boycott of foreign cloth by stimulating the production and wear of khaddar (homespun).

Mr. Gandhi remarked that, if this programme were worked with "iron determination," *Swaraj* would be within their grasp in one year.

For the first time Congress decided to interfere in the internal affairs of Indian States, and also adopted a resolution demanding that the Princes should introduce responsible government in the States and guarantee the elementary rights of citizenship of the people.

The session was a marked victory for Gandhism.

INDIAN MOSLEMS' POLICY.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW DELHI, Tuesday.

The Moslem "All Parties'" Conference, under the presidency of His Highness the Aga Khan, has agreed upon a resolution formulating Moslem demands regarding constitutional reforms.

It was decided to omit references to Dominion status, or independence, or to the Simon Commission or the Nehru report, but to emphasise the Moslem demand for adequate representation, and to deprecate a joint electorate without Moslem interests being safeguarded.

They also demand safeguards for Moslems in cultural and linguistic matters.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

CAPTURED BY INFURIATED MOB AFTER ARREST.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

ROME, MISSISSIPPI, Monday.

The body of a negro, who had murdered a white man and abducted his eighteen-year-old daughter, was burned by a mob here this evening.

After mutilating the body and firing a number of bullets into it, the crowd poured petrol over it and set it on fire.

The negro, who had admitted his guilt, and thereby absolved two other blacks who were suspected of complicity, was arrested by a woman planter, Miss Laura Mae Keeler.

He had previously taken refuge in a hut belonging to Miss Keeler, and when she was informed that the fugitive was hiding on her premises she entered the hut armed with a revolver, disarmed him, and set out for the jail with him as prisoner.

They were intercepted on the way by a mob which had formed with astonishing rapidity, and the negro was immediately taken from his escort.

Over 2,000 people looked on while he was fastened with chains to a pile of logs, and on this improvised pyre he apparently remained at the mercy of the mob for about seven hours.

Then petrol was poured over his recumbent figure and a torch was applied. The negro cursed the crowd almost with his dying breath.

The Commandant of the State Militia, asked why he did not send troops to the rescue of the negro, replied that, although it was his duty to hunt for the negro and hand him over to justice, it was not his duty to kill others in doing so.

A coroner's jury later recorded a verdict of death from causes unknown.

DOROTHY MACKAYE RELEASED FROM PRISON.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA, Tuesday.

Dorothy Mackaye, the film actress, who was released from the State Penitentiary here to-day, after spending ten months behind its walls, announced that she will probably attempt to resume her stage career. It will be recalled that she was convicted of concealing facts concerning the death in Los Angelos of her husband, Ray Raymond, the former comedian, for whose death Paul Kelly, the film actor, is now serving a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary here.

(Continued from previous column.)

compiled, and well printed by the Salvationist Publishing and Supplies, Ltd., Judd street, King's Cross, London, W.C., will prove a splendid reference book for all interested in social and religious service, and in the work of the Army particularly.

COMMANDER EVA BOOTH.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO SEE HER BROTHER.

Commander Evangeline Booth has been unsuccessful in an attempt to see her brother, General Bramwell Booth, whose prolonged illness has raised the question of leadership of the Salvation Army. Commander Booth has received a letter from Mrs. Bramwell Booth saying that it will be impossible for her to see the General at present.

An official who accompanied Commander Booth from America told a Press representative yesterday, "The letter stated that it was desirable to avoid any possibility of a setback in the General's improvement."

UNABLE TO SEE DELEGATES.

Colonel Tucker, one of the officials of the Salvation Army in England, explained yesterday why General Booth was unable to see delegates.

"General Booth does not know that a meeting of the High Council has been called," he said. "Although the General is making progress in his illness, his doctor will not yet give permission for the General to be told of the calling of the meeting. It is, therefore, impossible for him to see any of the delegates at present. If he did see any of them he would, naturally, want to know why they are in this country. Even if we tried to hide the real reason for their visit the General is so mentally alert that he would inevitably discover the truth in a few minutes' conversation.

"In these circumstances, he will not be able to see any delegate until after the conference. When the meeting has ended he will be told, if his health permits, that a High Council has been called, and he will also be informed of the decision adopted by the conference. This will avoid any possibility of his experiencing needless worry."

Colonel Tucker also stated that the High Council meeting will be held in strictest privacy.

MEXICAN BANDITS RAID TOWN.

TWENTY-TWO PRETTY GIRLS AS BOOTY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MEXICO CITY (by Mail).

Finding no other acceptable loot in the town of Jilotepec, on the shores of the historic Lake Chapala, Colonel Almanza, leader of a band of four hundred rebels, has carried off twenty-two of the prettiest girls of the town, which is famous for its beauties. Colonel Almanza entered Jilotepec while the whole town was attending a moving picture theatre. The few police and military guards fled on the appearance of the rebels. Colonel Almanza, after blowing up the Town Hall with bombs, lined his men in front of the theatre. He ordered all the women out, and forced the men to remain in the theatre.

Lining up the women, he and his military supports picked out twenty-two of the prettiest girls, all in their teens, and marched towards the mountains. He put the girls on horses, each in front of a rebel officer. Mothers and their relatives pleaded with the rebel commander, offering all they possessed for the liberation of the girls, but the Colonel laughed. "You could not buy, with all your wealth, the treasures we have found in Jilotepec," he said.

Rebels, mounted on fast horses, kept guard over the theatre, preventing the fathers, brothers and other relatives of the kidnapped girls from leaving until the rebel band had reached the neighbouring hills.

It was next morning before the news reached the military garrison at Chapala, and by then Colonel Almanza and his band were well into the almost impenetrable mountains. One thousand Federal troops are marching against Colonel Almanza's stronghold to rescue the girls.

MAKING THE CALENDAR.

TASK THAT REQUIRES SIX YEARS' WORK.

Probably not one man in a million, says Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth, Director of the International Fixed Calendar League, realises that the basis for making each year's calendar requires six years' of co-operative work by the best astronomers in five leading nations.

On August 17th, 1927, the calculations for the year 1933 were begun by eminent scientists in the Greenwich Observatory and the Nautical Almanack Office. These men work out for all the nations the right ascension and declination of the sun, moon, and eighty-four of the fixed stars at each of the twenty-four hours in every day. By August, 1928, these were printed and sent to the directors of the National Observatories in the United States, Germany, France, and Spain, to enable each of these nations to begin their quota of the work. No part is duplicated.

THE POLAR STARS.

The United States astronomers work out the eclipses of the sun and moon for all the nations, and the hourly positions of the planets and their satellites. Germany calculates the hourly positions for 307 of the fixed stars below the celestial Arctic Circle to the Tropic of Cancer. It is France's task to work out the hourly position of the Polar stars. Spain does the same work for sixty-five of the more southerly stars.

It takes about eighteen months for these four countries to do their job, and at the end of that period, the four national directors, having printed their results, send copies to each other and to the Greenwich authorities. At Greenwich the information is combined in the Nautical Almanack for 1933, which will be printed and issued by the end of 1930. From this Almanack all the nations will be able to work out for each of their own ports the daily times and heights of the tides. This information must then be issued to the makers of calendars not later than January, 1932.

VALUABLE HORSES DESTROYED.

WATCHMAN'S DEATH FROM EXCITEMENT.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Monday.

Five thoroughbred horses were destroyed in a stable fire at Belmont Park to-day. Four of these were yearlings belonging to Mr. Thomas Hitchcock, father of the international polo player, and the fifth was Martenax, winner of the Ayr Gold Cup in 1927, the property of Major Thomas MacCreary, who brought all five horses from England last week.

An aged watchman employed by Mrs. Payne Whitney, who owns the adjoining stable, died of heart disease during the excitement, although her stable did not catch fire.

BIG CABLE CONTRACT FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

BRITISH SCHEME BEST.

Mr. G. Martinez, director and general manager of Pirelli General Cable Works at Southampton and Eastleigh, stated yesterday that his firm had received an order from the Egyptian Government for the manufacture and installation of a telephone trunk line between Alexandria and Cairo. The value of the order is £193,000.

Tenders were received from America, Germany, France and other Continental countries, in addition to those from Great Britain. Mr. Martinez said the contract was not obtained because the British price was the lowest, but because the scheme put forward by his firm was considered technically to be the best. The cables will be made in the Eastleigh Works and the installation will take eight months.

CHRISTMAS EVE ROBBERY.

TWO ROSCREA MEN SENTENCED.

In the Roscrea District Court two young men—John Duffy and John Mahony, of Roscrea district—were sentenced to six weeks' and one month's imprisonment, respectively, for breaking into a liquor store on Christmas Eve and stealing five dozen of stout.

WOMAN POSES AS A MAN FOR SIXTY YEARS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Tuesday.

It has been revealed that "Charles Warner" (82), who had worked sixty years in this city as a painter and paperhanger, is a woman.

The woman told officials that no one knew, or ever would know, her real name, but that she would like to be called "Jane." She said that her mother took her to Canada as a small child, and left her there thirteen years. Her reason for assuming man's attire was given with frankness, and she appeared to see nothing unusual in her sixty years of posing.

She said that she wanted work to support her widowed mother, and that sixty years ago a woman's wage was insufficient for two persons. She wanted a man's work with a man's pay; so she donned man's clothing and got the job.

Her employers here said that she displayed a man's efficiency and vigour.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE IN NORWAY.

THE SHIPBUILDING OUTLOOK.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OSLO, Tuesday.

An important step in the Norwegian industry has occurred here, when representatives of the Employers' Organisation and the Labourers' Union agreed to submit a proposal to their members for new terms from April 1st, 1929, to March 31st, 1931. If the proposal is passed by the members of the two organisations it will be the longest period in this branch of Norway's industry.

The iron industry employs about 10,000 workers, but the Labourers' Union includes another 4,000 members, who may be employed in the same branch of labour. The most important industry included is shipbuilding, now at a crisis in its history.

FEWER SHIPS BUILT.

The number of ships built in Norway has been decreasing from year to year. This fall is not due to the incapacity of Norwegian factories, but rather to the fact that wages in Norway have been so high that the cost of a Norwegian-built ship is far greater than that of a foreign-built ship.

The following figures will explain the situation:—During the five years before the war Norway delivered about fifty-eight ships with 40,000 tons annually. In 1926 this figure was reduced to eighteen ships with a tonnage of 11,400. At present there are under construction twenty-five ships with a tonnage of 34,700, and this figure will increase if a two years' period of peace in this industry is created. Conditions favourable to a great development are at present good. Many ship-owners plan increases of their tonnage, and there is an inclination to have the new ships built in Norway.

NEW ACTIVITIES.

Likewise in other industries many new activities are pending, such as the big development of Norsk Hydro. It is, however, not only these reasons that have induced the delegates to agree. It must be remembered that the employment terms for this industry were fixed by compulsory arbitration in May, 1927, when the wages were reduced by 17 per cent., with two later reductions scheduled according to the index figure of February and September, 1928. These two reductions were of 5 per cent. and of 1.03 per cent., so that the total reduction in the wages has been 21.3 per cent.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

These terms of the compulsory arbitration expire on April 1st next, while the law of compulsory arbitration itself runs out on August 1st. Previously the labourers have planned conferences in order to combat, if necessary, a new decree issued by the Court of Compulsory Arbitration.

ITALIAN NATIONALITY

SIGNOR M

THE IRISH VICTORY : BALDOYLE RACES.

Ireland won the first International Rugby Match of the season, defeating France at Colombes Stadium, Paris, by six points to nil. Stephenson and Jaureguy, the rival captains, leading their teams on to the field.

Ireland gets the ball from a line-out. A scene at Colombes Stadium on Monday, when the France v. Ireland match drew a "record" crowd.

Stephenson (No. 9), the Irish captain—who scored one of the two tries that gave Ireland the victory—with the ball in a dangerous position near the French line.

RACING AT BALDOYLE YESTERDAY.—Mr. J. Shiel's Minnetonka leading over the second hurdle in the Strand Hurdle Plate. The winner, Mr. M. Arnott's Sun Flame, is second from the right, behind the hurdle.

BELFAST TRAMWAYS

EFFECT OF THE RECENT AGREEMENT.

WARNING TO PRIVATE 'BUS-OWNERS.

Councillor J. D. McClure, Chairman of the Belfast Tramways Committee, at a meeting of the Corporation yesterday, reviewed the position of the tramway undertaking since the recent agreement came into operation giving the Corporation control of almost the whole of the 'bus traffic in the city.

Under the agreement the Corporation took over from the omnibus companies about 70 buses, and were given control of all passenger-carrying vehicles. Several private buses, however, continue to ply for passengers in the city.

Councillor McClure said that for the week ended 28th December last there was an increase of £1,116 from tramcars and 'buses as compared with the corresponding week in the previous year.

"This," he added, "must be considered in relation to the fact that the tramways are dropping between £3,000 and £4,000 per week in comparison with the previous year for the past few months."

"EMPTY 'BUSES."

Councillor McClure also mentioned that the tramcars ran in the week ended 28th December last 17,700 miles more than they ran in the corresponding week in 1927.

Dealing with the criticism in regard to the running of empty 'buses, he said that the fares on the 'buses were tentatively fixed badly at a penny higher than the tramcar fares, but this arrangement was more or less experimental.

"We will continue to charge a penny over the maximum tram fares," he went on. "There can be no thought of introducing a penny 'bus fare on roads where there are alternative tram services. It is the intention, however, to revise immediately most of the twopenny fares."

As to the private 'buses still running, Councillor McClure said:—"If they continue their tactics will differ. I am confident that they will not be permitted to continue, and that drastic steps will be definitely taken in the immediate future.

THE COLOUR OF THE TRAMS.

Referring to the decision of the manager, Mr. Chamberlain, to paint the trams blue, instead of red, Councillor McClure said that there were sound reasons for this proposal. The vermillion with which the tramcars are at present painted was perhaps the most expensive colour that could be put on them, and it was, in Mr. Chamberlain's opinion, almost the least durable. It was certainly much less durable than blue, and much more expensive.

Alderman Nixon criticised the tramway and bus policy, which, he said, had no respect for the comfort of the public or the pockets of the ratepayers. He got on a 'bus before Christmas at Peter's Hill and was charged a twopence to Ardoyne. There was only one other passenger, but the 'bus was decorated for Christmas. (Laughter.) At the same time the trams were overcrowded. At Maghy on Saturday evening he and another man saw a Corporation 'bus waiting outside the city boundary with the engine running, and the conductor said that he could not start for eight minutes. The result was that the people went to the trams.

TIME TO STOP.

The condition of the overcrowded trams and the empty 'buses was ridiculous, and the public would not stand it much longer. Things were going from bad to worse, and it was time that there was a stop. They would think, from all the statistics that they were stated to, that the people were blind.

Councillor Pierce also criticised the present policy, and he mentioned incidentally that he was no longer a member of the Tramways Committee.

Councillor McClure—Thank God. (Laughter.)

Councillor Holland counselled patience, and deprecated attacks on the Committee or the manager and their policy as calculated to seriously affect their transport system. He paid a high tribute to the new manager.

The minutes were adopted.

STRIKE AT RAILWAY DEPOT.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

The strike of loaders and vanmen which began at the London, Midland and Scottish Railway goods station at Broad street, London, yesterday was settled last night after negotiations between the company and the National Union of Railwaymen. It is understood that the men took exception to one of the appointments made in consequence of the retirement of sixty or seventy old servants of the company. Proposals by the company were accepted by the men on a vote.

"Last night the dépôt was congested with goods awaiting delivery, and but for the settlement two train loads of fish and meat for the London markets would have been held up."

SUMMONS AGAINST A COUNT.

LETTERS TO BARRISTER'S WIFE.

Count Joseph Ernest de Senna Fernandez, whose address was given as Portland Court, London, was summoned at the Marylebone Police Court yesterday by Mrs. Francis Latt, the wife of a Burmese barrister, living at St. Mary's square, Paddington, who alleged that he was the father of two children born to her.

Mrs. Latt said that she was married in England to a Burmese barrister in February, 1918. They eventually went to Burma and lived together at Rangoon until 1914. She then returned to England with her four children, leaving her husband in Burma. In 1918, while she was employed at the War Office, a doctor friend introduced the Count to her at a bridge party. The Count subsequently came to live with her at the flat and at other addresses. Two children were born to them—one in April, 1920, and the other in May, 1924. The Count left her after a quarrel, and since then, apart from a payment by him of £4, she had supported herself and the children by working as a shorthand-typist. It was purely by chance that she had recently discovered his whereabouts in the telephone directory. At an interview at the Waldorf Hotel he promised £5 a week for the children. The Count registered the children in his own name.

In cross-examination, Mrs. Latt agreed that she had been summoned at Marlborough Street Police Court for assaulting the Count.

THE DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

The Count, giving evidence on oath, said that he was, in fact, a Count, but he had no property whatever. At present he was a commission agent. He had a flat at Portland Court at £400 a year, but it really belonged to his wife.

Mr. Bingley—Wife! When were you married?—In 1905.

Mr. Bingley—What do you mean? In 1918 you were living with this woman.

The Count replied that he left his wife and then returned to her.

Mr. Bingley—Well, she was a very accommodating lady.

The Count said that he wrote letters, described by the magistrate as "passionate," to Mrs. Latt, and that he added to one of them: "Love and kisses to the kiddies."

Mr. Bingley ordered him to pay £1 a week for each child until sixteen years of age, with three guineas costs, and said that he could not understand why the Count had fought the case in view of the documents.

HOW BRIGHT IS
YOUR
BABY?
A Novel Feature in To-Day's
Weekly Irish Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AND HOTELS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of yesterday that certain remarks of mine with reference to country hotels—to the effect that commercial travellers can eat and drink all kinds of things which would poison an ordinary human being—have been denounced by the Committee of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation as a "gratuitous insult" and a "mean attempt to hold up commercial travellers to public odium." The Committee demand a public apology, and I hasten at once to express my regret that anything I said, or was reported to have said, should have caused offence to any of the members of the Federation. At the same time I have reason to be grieved that that which was spoken as a tribute and a compliment should have been taken as an insult and a slur. Possibly a slight contraction in the Press report may have given grounds for misunderstanding, or, on the other hand, such may have arisen from the quick temperament of these knights errant of commerce, ever ready to draw the sword at the suspicion of a slight—though none was intended.

I am still of opinion that the fact that commercial travellers survive and prosper, in spite of the fare with which they are provided, year after year, in many country hotels, is a striking tribute to their fortitude, tenacity and powers of endurance, and that we cannot expect a similar exhibition of these qualities by foreigners travelling for pleasure. Persons travelling on business are obliged to go to certain towns and stay in certain hotels, no matter how bad the service may be, and the proprietors of these hotels are well aware of the fact. No such obligation rests on tourists. Indeed, they are at liberty to leave the country and never return—a privilege of which thousands avail themselves after a sample of Irish cooking.

There are many clean and comfortable country hotels in Ireland, run by honest and efficient proprietors, where excellent food can be obtained; but they, and the country as a whole, suffer from the operations of dirty or dishonest establishments. In recent years striking success has attended the efforts of the State to raise the standards of agricultural exports. It looks very much as if the time is coming when, if this country is to retain its rightful share of the tourist traffic, it may be necessary to raise by legislation the standard of public cooking, and to take steps, by a system of graded licences, or otherwise, to eliminate the "scrub" hotels which are damaging the reputation of the country.

In the meantime commercial travellers, on whose patronage country hotels have largely to rely for the greater part of the year, would be rendering a national service if they joined together and insisted on getting their full money's worth in the way of food and service, thereby helping to raise the general standard throughout the State.—Yours, etc.,

O. GRATTAN ESMONDE.

Dublin, January 1st, 1929.

IRELAND AND EAST AFRICA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mrs. Stuart-Watt, when in East Africa, noted a curious custom. I take it that the religion of these primitive peoples could only be classed as animism—that they were as yet unreached by either Mohammedanism or Christianity: their religion one of fear; the propitiation of demons and evil spirits intent upon doing them harm; that their only religious teacher was the witch-doctor, who told them how ill-luck might be averted and the demons kept in good humour. I think that she will find that the East African on the slopes of Kilimanjaro spits to avert ill-luck, and that, whether the religion is pure animism or whether the custom is only the remains of a superseded animism.

When St. Patrick came to Ireland the astrological religion taught by the Druids had been adopted by the people of this country, but the druidical religion had been unable to oust customs traceable to the animism of early races in this country. St. Patrick preached Christianity, and I believe that the snake he banished from this land was this old religion of fear—this worship of devils. Of course, there were neither snakes nor toads in this country in the days of St. Patrick, any more than in our own, for the simple reason that Ireland became separated from the Continent of Europe at an earlier period than her sister isles, nearer to the glacial epoch and before these reptiles had migrated from more temperate climates. To banish from the country the fear of demons was a much greater achievement than the banishment of any material snakes or toads.

Nevertheless, customs connected with the demon worship either died hard or gradually crept in again, and some may have professed Christianity with their lips whose hearts were still in bondage to fear. Just a month ago Mr. Bodkin, in his apology for the new coinage, explained that the image of St. Patrick could not appear upon any coin lest a peasant in some remote part of Ireland might, after selling his pigs, spit, not upon the ancient harp—though I do not know whether Mr. Bodkin considers that he might quite properly spit upon the bardic harp—but upon the very effigy of St. Patrick himself. Surely, if the Christianity that St. Patrick taught really penetrated this island, such customs would die. We ask the rustic why he does it, and "for luck" he replies. I believe that it is not so much lest the money should bring him ill-luck as lest the purchaser should suffer by evil spirits interfering with the purchased pigs.

The idea behind the East African's action and the Irishman's is the same, little though the latter may realise it. The custom is old and is evil; it should be abandoned on every ground, religious and sanitary. I think that it is not specially Irish, so that Mrs. Stuart-Watt is wrong in believing it to be "an ancient Irish custom." Some years ago, in Kashmir, a snake coiled slowly across our path. I was on horse-back, but called to our sayces and servants, who all had stout sticks, to kill it. Instead these Hindu and Mohammedan men cooed, whistled and sang to the snake as long as it was in sight.

Before the days of Mohamed, before the rise of Hinduism, the people of India worshipped the snake, or rather the demon embodied in the snake, and they strove to keep the demons in good temper. They would not have killed the snake lest the evil spirits should wreak vengeance upon them. So, centuries after, their descendants acted as we have seen. In every backward country these old, bad customs remain, even if one may hope that the superstitious fears that gave rise to them have lost their power for evil upon the minds of the people.—Yours, etc.,

"C. F."

Bray, January 1st, 1929.

ROSEGARLAND, CO. WEXFORD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a note in "An Irishman's Diary" in your issue of December 29th, in which he gives the derivation of Rosegarland as "*Ros a'Garraide*." O'Donovan's derivation is undoubtedly the right one—viz., Ros carlon (Carlon's Wood). Carlon, he states, was a common name for a man in ancient Ireland.

This beautiful old place, which is situated in the Barony of Shilmalier West—not in "the centre of the Baronies of Forth and Bargy," as "Quidnunc" says, but near the border of the latter—has an interesting history. It has changed hands oftener than probably any place in Co. Wexford since it became a fief of a junior branch of the great house of De Loundres in the reign of Henry II., having passed successively into the families of Granville, Le Poer, Neville, Synnot, Lambert, Savage, amongst others, to whom it was granted or leased, until, in 1669, it became the property of Robert Leigh, Esquire—"for his loyal services to the Crown." It has been the seat of his descendants ever since.

Robert Leigh, in his most interesting description of the southern part of Co. Wexford, written on March 29th, 1684, says that he was the second son of John Leigh, of Rathbride, "in ye County of Kildare, who for his loyaltie to his Sovereigne King Charles the Second was banished into floraigne countries by the usurped powers, and there died, leaving the said Robert (being the only child he had abroad with him) very young and a participant (as well as many more) of his Prince's calamityes, till upon his Majestie's happy Restoracon, he returned into England, and in some yeares after into this Kingdom again with markes off his Majestie's favour and sence of his services."

So few of the old families are left in their ancient homes in Ireland that I am glad to record that the Leighs still own Rosegarland, and I hope that they and their descendants will long enjoy it.—Yours, etc.,

KATHLEEN A. BROWNE.

Rathronan Castle, Wexford,
December 31st, 1928.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

VICTORY 'CHASE SURPRISE.

GLANMORE ROMPS HOME.

TIRANOGUE'S FENCING.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

MANCHESTER, Tuesday Night.

Colours not often seen nowadays, the old gold, plum-hooped sleeves and plum cap, which used to belong to the Earl of Dudley, were carried to success this afternoon in the Victory Steeplechase, which Lord Ednam won with Glanmore, an Ardoon horse whom the Earl of Kenmare offered with a draft a few years ago in England.

Long before he became Viceroy of Ireland Lord Dudley used to own and ride steeplechasers, and won a number of races. He gave up ownership years ago, but his son and heir still carries on the family traditions, though he has only a few horses in training.

Captain McDougal, who had a very serious accident a few months ago, trains Glanmore for him, and the horse has given him a good deal of trouble. Last season he was inconspicuous, and after he had run well at Birmingham he was beaten out of a place in the Christmas Cup at Wolverhampton last week. On that form he did not seem to have any chance at all with May King, a former stable companion, who had finished well in front of him, and was meeting him here on exactly the same terms.

EVERY YARD OF THE RUNNING.

Yet, Glanmore made every yard of the running, and won by four lengths from Doldrums, who came on the scene late to run Socrates out of second place. Glanmore screwed all the fences after he came into the straight, yet he had so much in hand that he was able to win easily. Annandale, who was favourite, could never go the pace set by the winner, and was never prominent.

The only Irish-trained runner was Duke of Florence, who was beaten before they came into the straight. Neither of the two which Mr. Hastings ran—May King and Laurentum—was ever prominent, and Rushaway dropped right back before the horses made the turn into the straight.

Horses trained by T. Leader are generally successful at this meeting, but they misfired badly this afternoon, and Gregalach, about whom a short price was taken in the January Handicap Steeplechase, was beaten by the Irish mare, Tiranogue, who made all the running and finished three-parts of a length in front of him. As she was giving him 9lb., it must be counted to her as a good performance.

NEVER PUT A FOOT WRONG.

She never put a foot wrong throughout the race, and although Gregalach came to the last fence with a good chance, he could never cope with her. Consistent as her form has been in Ireland, Tiranogue always seems to run better at Manchester than anywhere else. She finished a good fourth in the Victory Steeplechase here last year, and she won the Maiden Rose Handicap Steeplechase here last October. P. Fitzgerald had an easy win on her to-day.

The light was excellent when the first race, the Club Hurdle, was run, but soon after it began to fade. Cardinal's Ring was favourite for this race, and, coming to the last hurdle it seemed as if he were going to win in a canter; but on the flat Peter L. outstayed him and beat him by a length. An impression from the race was that Cardinal's Ring is not too genuine. He did not seem to put much heart into his finishing effort to-day.

Mr. Barthropp brought on the Newbury winner Gartley to run for the Charlton Handicap Hurdle, and odds had to be laid on him. Old Guard made all the running, but after jumping the last hurdle Gartley got to him, and then went on to beat him easily. He is a smart young hurdler, who should win again at Haydock Park later in the week.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

The old Carlisle horse Felix II. made most of the running in the Selling Steeplechase, but he made a bad mistake at the last fence, and Stanton, who had not jumped too well, passed him and went on to win from Golden Duke.

Brigadier-General Cheape, whose wife won a race yesterday at Cheltenham with Indian Lady, won the Selling Handicap Hurdle with Louvois Prize, who went into the lead at the start, then dropped back behind Music Star, and came again in the straight, to win by five lengths from Sunday Rambler.

The Victory Hurdle should claim most attention to-morrow. Coulthwaite is likely to have three runners—Knight Bachelor, Royal Bower and Windermere Laddie—and of these I like the first-named best. None of them, however, may beat GALLANT LOVER.

ST. GERMAINE, whom Mr. Geoffrey Gilpin sent from Ireland to run for the January Steeplechase this afternoon, fell at the first fence, but if she is started again for the Canal Steeplechase she should win. The opposition is moderate.

SWIFT ROWLAND may be able to give the weight to Curtain Raiser and win the Novices' Steeplechase.

GALTEE MORE.

FORM HORSES.

MANCHESTER.

1. 0—Loyal Scot.
1.30—Hands Up.
2. 0—Knight Bachelor.
2.30—Hereford Lad (nap).
3. 0—Nottingham Pet.
3.30—Sultan of Wicken.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express:—Safety Bet—Cyzara (to win). Double—Twinkler and Cyzara.

Daily Mirror:—Double—Knight Bachelor (nap) and Nottingham Pet.

Daily Sketch:—Double — Hands Up and Desert Chief.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

January Handicap Steeplechase, Haydock Park—Creebrae.

Earlstown Handicap Hurdle, Haydock Park—Swashbuckler.

Sefton Steeplechase, Newbury, and Cotswold Steeplechase, National Hunt Meeting—Longstowe.

All engagements—Bow Hill colt (2 yrs.), Gyllean colt (2 yrs.), Ditchley (dead), Bucene.

Lingfield Park engagement, Jan. 5—Maximus.

Lingfield Park engagements, Jan. 4 and 5—Biz Blacc Boy, Buchan Arms.

All engagements in Mr. S. W. Beer's name—Burning Bush.

GOLF.

EDINBURGH BURGESS G.S. GOLD BADGE.

The Irish Open Amateur champion, G. S. Noon, competed for the Gold Badge of the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society at Barnton yesterday, but finished several strokes below the winner, A. D. Mathieson, who, on a frozen course, had a score of 82.

CLUB NOTICES.

NEWLANDS.

Ladies' Branch.—Next Saturday—Final monthly medal. Qualified:—Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stapleton, Miss Flanagan, Miss Guinane, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Deegan, Mrs. Gargan, Mrs. Halton, Mrs. Mackey, 18 holes, strokes. Arrange partners.

SUTTON.

Saturday next—Monthly tankard, strokes.

CLONTARF.

To-day—Crawford Cup (postponed from 12th December).

BALDOYLE

STRONG FIELDS AND GOOD SPORT.

FAILURE OF THE FAVOURITES.

A gratifying measure of success attended the New Year's Day meeting at Baldoyle. The sport fully realised anticipations, which is to say that it ruled interesting throughout, and there was a briskness about the proceedings which augurs well for the future of racing under Irish National Hunt Rules. There were plenty of runners, and if but a small percentage of the sixty-one horses which were seen out gave promise of developing into anything far removed from the average of cross-country performers, it was still a healthy sign to find so many recruits to the ranks of the jumpers in action. The weather was very cold, but the light was excellent, so that every phase of the different events was plainly discernable from the stands, which were well filled.

It was a bad day for the majority of backers, who were often wide of the mark in their sizing up of the situation, and this will be readily understood when it is mentioned that not a single first favourite was successful. To Mr. Maxwell Arnott, the Clonsilla trainer, fell the distinction of winning the first race of the year by the aid of Sun Flame, whose superior turn of speed enabled him to make light of his task in the Strand Hurdle Plate. Minnetonka, Spare Time and Lady Hugh were preferred to him in the wagering, but none of them ever threatened danger to the Greenmount representative, who came with a rare rattle from the last hurdle, and it was Go Between that put up the stoutest opposition to him.

Sun Flame's stable companion, Silpho, cut up in disappointing fashion in the Seaview Steeplechase, and it may be that he has not yet shaken off the effects of the mishap he met with here last June. The race was won by the bottom weight, Philalice, who was in front from flag-fall, and had just enough in reserve to withstand the challenge of Alike, who made up a tremendous lot of ground in the closing stages, and was fast catching the grey as the post was reached. Philalice belongs to, and is trained at Hazlehatch by, Mr. D. Murray, who in his early days was a noted athlete, and at one time held the Irish one hundred yards championship. He races only in a small way, but is very enthusiastic about the sport, and it was not out of his turn that he saddled a winner.

There was another turn-up in the New Year Steeplechase, the issue of which was generally voted to lie between Count Dracula and Duratoi, who were well backed. The latter was confidently expected to recoup the money lost on him last week at Leopardstown, when he fell, but disappointment was again in store, for he got rid of his jockey after jumping the regulation fence. On the other hand, Count Dracula acquitted himself creditably, and was a fighting factor for the most of the journey. He, however, was always held safe by the outsider, Ballydrin, who was never out of the lead, and had for immediate attendants passing the post Innisfail and Regius.

The Northern owned and trained Susiewusie spreadeagled the opposition in the Novices' Steeplechase, and incidentally landed a 10 to 1 chance. An equally easy win was that gained by Nell Gwynne in the Stewards' Hurdle Plate, for which Tan Girl and Douanier commanded more support, but she fairly smothered both for speed in the run home, and won in runaway fashion. A more exciting affair was the Maiden Hurdle Plate, which provided a fine set-to between Battle Bridge and Venda, the fiat going to the former after a ding-dong struggle. Details:—

1.15—STRAND HURDLE PLATE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. A handicap. 1½ m.

Mr. M. Arnott's ch. h. SUN FLAME, by Sonning—Kilcoran, a. 11-10.....Mr. T. Nugent 1
Mr. Leech's (O. BETWEEN, a. 10-4...M. Hynes 2
Mr. Farrell's PRINCESS PEG, 5, 10-8 ..... Mr. F. E. McKeever 3
Mr. J. Ryan's Mernault, 6, 12-5 ..... Mr. T. McCarthy 0
Mr. Sheil's Minnetonka, a, 12-2...John Doyle 0
Mr. J. Malone's Lady Hugh, a, 11-1 ..... J. H. Harty 0
Mr. J. P. O'Donnell's Fysterics,, a, 10-4 ..... D. Kirwan 0
Mr. W. J. Byrne's Beddgelert, a, 10-0 ..... J. Meaney 0
Mr. Adams's Royal Orb, a, 10-0.....K. Lenihan 0
Mr. O'Brien's Sweet Loch Lomond, 6, 10-0 ..... J. Foran 0
Mr. Downey's Northern Dennes, 5, 10-0 ..... P. Claxton 6
Mr. Wilkinson's Actrix, 6, 11-3.....T. McNeill 0
Mr. A. Lowry's Spare Time, a, 10-10...J. Lynn 0
Mr. Henry's Moon Maiden, 4, 10-4...P. Higgins 0

(Winner trained by M. Arnott.)

Betting—4 to 1 each agst. Minnetonka, Spare Time and Lady Hugh, 6 to 1 SUN FLAME, 8 to 1 each Go Between and Actrix, 10 to 1 each Princess Peg and Hysterics, 20 to 1 any other.

Minnetonka made the running, followed by Go Between, Actrix, Princess Peg, and Sun Flame, with Hysterics and Spare Time at the head of the others, and Moon Maiden and Merriault last. There was little change until half a mile from home, when Go Between drew to the front, but was headed at the last hurdle by Sun Flame, who won in a canter by six lengths; three lengths separated second and third. Spare Time was fourth, Minnetonka fifth, Hysterics sixth, and Royal Orb next. Time—2 mins. 52 1-5secs.

1.40—SEAVIEW HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m. 1 f. 70 yds.

Mr. D. Murray's gr. g. PHILALICE, by Prince Philip—Lady Alice, 5, 9-7.....M. Hynes 1
Mr. Wise's ALIKE, 6, 10-12.....Mr. F. Wise 2
Mr. E. J. Byrne's BEECH DALE, a, 9-13 (car. 10-4) ..... Mr. F. Clarke 3
Major Holliday's Silpho, a, 12-8...Mr. T. Nugent 0
Mr. Lloyd's Coronober, 6, 10-5.....K. Lenihan 0
Mr. Treacy's Sheevra Beg, 6, 10-4...P. Higgins 0
Mr. Wilson's Bantam, a, 10-0.....J. Harty 0
Mr. Mangan's Royal Verse, 6, 9-7 (car. 9-9) ..... T. McNeill 0
Mr. Beely's Souvenance, a, 11-7.....J. Meaney 0

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Beech Dale, 5 to 1 Silpho, 4 to 1 Coronober, 5 to 1 Alike, 10 to 1 each PHILALICE and Sheevra Beg, 20 to 1 any other.

Philalice settled down in front of Beech Dale, Royal Verse, Coronober, Souvenance, and Bantam, with Silpho next, and Alike bringing up the rear. So they ran for a mile, when Royal Verse fell, and Philalice continued in the van, pursued by Beech Dale, Coronober, and Silpho. Alike improved her position approaching the last fence, and took second place in the straight, but failed to catch Philalice, who won by a length and a half; two and a half lengths divided second and third. Coronober was fourth, Silpho fifth, Souvenance sixth, and Bantam next. Time—4 mins. 39 3-5 secs. Sheevra Beg refused the third fence, and was pulled off.

2.10—MAIDEN (5.) HURDLE RACE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 1¼ m.

Mr. John Doyle's b. or br. g. BATTLE BRIDGE, by Athlone—Battle Belle, 5, 11-8 ..... John Doyle, jun. 1
Mr. J. Leech's VENDA, 4, 10-12...Mr. P. Nugent 2
Mr. R. C. Morel's BEGIN WELL, a, 11-3 ..... J. Lombard 3
Mr. T. Ray's Parteen, 5, 11-3.....L. Fitzpatrick 0
Captain T. J. Wilson's Aedie, 5, 10-12 ..... Mr. P. Sleator 0
Mr. P. Sleator's Miss Ruth, 4, 10-12...D. Frame 0
Mr. Mangan's Pucka Shikhari, 4, 10-7.....Owner 0
Mr. J. T. Purcell's Mairin Beag, 4, 10-7 ..... D. Kirwan 0
Mr. A. Lowry's Uncle Hugh, 5, 11-3 ..... J. Lynn, jun. 0
Mr. A. Lowry's Orange Pop, 5, 11-3 ..... Mr. C. Brabazon 0
Mr. Peter Kelly's Orban, 4, 10-7...K. Lenihan 0

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. Venda, 5 to 2 BATTLE BRIDGE, 6 to 1 Aedie, 100 to 8 any other.

Uncle Hugh quickly drew out with a long lead of Miss Ruth, Aedie, Venda, and Battle Bridge, next to these coming Parteen, Orange Pop, and Pucka Shikari. After going a little more than a mile Uncle Hugh dropped back beaten, and Venda took up the running, followed by Battle Bridge, who challenged in the straight, and won a good race by two lengths; five lengths separated second and third. Aedie was fourth, Parteen fifth, Uncle Hugh sixth, and Orban next. Time—2 mins. 58 3-5 secs

2.40—NEW YEAR HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. Ballesty's b. g. RATHDRIN, by Drinmore—Avarina, a, 9-10 ..... K. Lenihan 1
Sir T. Ainsworth's INNISFAIL, a, 11-8 ..... Mr. T. Nugent 2
Mr. Lindsay's REGIUS, a, 10-4 .....T. Cullen 3
Mr. R. Walker's Duratoi, 6, 11-0 ..... Mr. F. E. McKeever 0
Mr. Richards's Count Dracula, a, 10-10 ..... P. Claxton 0
Mrs. Lyon's Roman Boy, a, 10-0 T. Regan, jun. 0
Mr. J. Burke's South Green, 6, 9-12 ..M. Hynes 0
Mr. H. Keane's Sweet Home, a, 9-7 .....J. Lynn 0
Mr. O'Regan's Shannon Power, a, 10-9 ..... J. Lombard 0

(Winner trained by D. Ballesty.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Count Dracula, 2 to 1 Duratoi, 6 to 1 Shannon Power, 10 to 1 each RATHDRIN and Regius, 20 to 1 Innisfail or any other.

Rathdrin made the running, followed by Regius, Duratoi, Shannon Power, South Green, Sweet Home, and Count Dracula, the last pair being Innisfail and Roman Boy, the latter of whom soon became tailed off. Duratoi and his jockey dissolved partnership at the regulation fence, and South Green came down at the next. Then Count Dracula closed with Rathdrin, who, however, drew clear again, and won by two lengths from Innisfail, who took second place close home; a similar distance separated second and third. Count Dracula was fourth, Sweet Home fifth, and Shannon Power next. Time—6 mins. 41 3-5 secs.

3.10—NOVICES' STEELECHASE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. Weight for age. 2 m. 1 f. 20 yds.

Mr. G. Gillespie's br. m. SUSIEWUSIE, by Le Sauvenir—Calkin, a, 11-9 ..R. O'Neill, jun. 1
Mr. B. Macabe's IRISH VICTORY, a, 11-9 ..... Mr. F. McCabe 2
Mr. M. Ballesty's RATHCANGO, 6, 12-0 ..... J. Lynn 3
Mr. J. A. Farrell's Come May, a, 12-0 ..... Mr. F. E. McKeever 0
Mr. N. Sikes's Welsh Star, 6, 12-0 ...K. Lenihan 0
Mrs. C. L. Mackean's Ballybracken, 4, 10-7 ..... T. Cullen 0
Mr. A. Mathews's Hecango, 4, 10-2 L. Fitzpatrick 0
Miss P. McCormick's Prince Herman, a, 12-0 ..... T. Kelly 0

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—3 to 1 each agst. Rathcango and Irish Victory, 4 to 1 Welsh Star, 5 to 1 Ballybracken, 10 to 1 SUSIEWUSIE or any other.

Ballybracken cut out the work, followed by Susiewusie, Rathcango, and Prince Herman, with Hecango and Irish Victory next, and Welsh Star last. The last-named and Hecango were pulled up beaten when half the journey had been covered, and Susiewusie, assuming command a little further on, won in a canter by twenty-five lengths; five lengths separated second and third. The only other to finish was Ballybracken. Time—4 mins. 49 2-5 secs.

Gold Earl was weighed out for by T. Regan, junior, but fell at the preliminary, and did not come under the starter's order.

3.35—STEWARDS'S HURDLE RACE of 75 sovs. Second 5 sovs. A handicap. 1m. 7f.

Mr. Hunter's b. f. NELL GWYNNE, by Roi Hero—Carnahalla, 5, 10-2 .....Jno. Hunter 1
Lady Nelson's TAN GIRL, 5, 11-5 ..... Mr. F. E. McKeever 2
Mr. McNamara's DOUANIER, 5, 11-2 ..... J. H. Harty 3
Mr. J. Doyle's Denis Orb, 6, 11-1 ...D. Doyle 0
Mr. Blackmore's Good Thing, a, 10-13 D. Kirwan 0
Mr. McKinney's Fair Sheila, a, 10-11 P. Higgins 0
Mr. Cunningham's Talarea, 5, 9-9 T. Regan, jun. 0
Mr. Mangan's Pucka Ranee, 4, 10-0 ..... Mr. J. A. Mangan 0
Mr. J. J. Parkinson's Average, 5, 11-8 ..... J. Fitzgerald 0

(Winner trained by J. Hunter.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Tan Girl, 3 to 1 Douanier, 4 to 1 NELL GWYNNE, 6 to 1 each Fair Sheila and Good Thing, 20 to 1 any other.

When they had settled down, Talarea made the running, attended by Tan Girl, Denis Orb, Fair Sheila, and Douanier, with Nell Gwynne and Average last. So they ran until a quarter of a mile from home, when Nell Gwynne moved up, and, drawing to the front at the last hurdle, won in a canter by twelve lengths; one and a half lengths divided second and third. Fair Sheila was fourth, Pucka Ranee fifth, and Denis Orb sixth.

MANCHESTER RESULTS

1.0—CLUB HURDLE of 150 sovs. Four years old 2 m.

Mr. A. D. McAlpine's b. g. PETER L., by Melenger—Three Sheets, 10-9 .....J. Walsh 1
Mr. W. T. Scare's CARDINAL'S RING, 11-0 ..... M. Rayson 2
Mr. A. Knowles's ROYAL RETURN, 11-0 ..... K. Piggott 3

Also ran—Manvero (Hayes), Spanish Pearl (W. Thatcher), White Fur (A. Waudby), White Shield (T. Leader), Jim Crow (T. Carey), Mountain (Hodgkinson), Woolhampton (L. Rees), The Alderman II. (J. Moloney), Algos (J. McDonald), Water Toi (E. Mulcaster), Star of Africa (A. Yasey), Condamine (Weymes), Off at 1.2. (Winner trained by H. Harrison.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Cardinal's Ring, 5 to 2 PETER L, 7 to 1 Royal Return, 8 to 1 Water Toi, 10 to 1 White Shield, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by a length; ten lengths. Jim Crow was fourth and Alderman II. last.

1.30—NEW YEAR (5.) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 3m.

Mr. C. Nevill's b. g. STURTON, by Planet—Far South, 6, 10-7 ..... R. Lyall 1
Mr. J. Scott's GOLDEN DUKE, a, 11-4 ..... Capt. McMullen 2
Mr. W. L. Irving's FELIX II., a, 11-9 F. Croney 3

Also ran—Simon's Light, J. Hamey, Boomerang (E. Sully), No Hurry (F. Brookes), Dennisco (Owner). Off at 1.31. (Winner trained by Gale.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Simon's Light, 5 to 2 Golden Duke, 3 to 1 STURTON, 6 to 1 Felix II., 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; three lengths. Simon's Light was fourth and Boomerang last.

The winner was bought in for 170 gns.

2.0—CASTLE (5.) HANDICAP HURDLE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Brig.-Gen. G. Cheape's b. g. LOUVOIS PRIZE, by Louvois—Gretchen's Pet, a, 10-7 ..... J. Mason 1
Mr. P. Higgins's SUNDAY RAMBLER, a, 11-2 ..... R. Townsend 2
Mr. F. Phillips's FURANE, 5, 11-4 .....Mr. T. Nugent 3

Also ran—Pasol (Mr. G. Elliott), Creolian (E. Sully), MacTurk (R. Hamilton), Say (T. Tannock), Leasingham Earl (T. Leader), Wise Prince (N. Dixon), Cinnamon Dinmont (J. Waudby), Music Star (Mr. R. Blake). Off at 2.4. (Winner trained by Easterby.)

Betting—7 to 2 each agst. LOUVOIS PRIZE and Sunday Rambler, 4 to 1 each Furane and Leasingham Earl, 7 to 1 Wise Prince, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by five lengths; three lengths. Wise Prince was fourth and Creolian last.

The winner was bought in for 230 gns.

2.30—VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 600 sovs. 2m.

Lord Ednam's bl. or br. g. GLANMORE, by Ardoon—Hestonia, a, 10-7.....J. McNeill 1
Lt.-Col. S. Hill-Dillon's DOLDRUMS, a, 11-9 ..... Owner 2
Mr. A. D. McAlpine's SOCRATES, a, 11-4 ..... J. Moloney 3

Also ran:—May King (D. Williams), Rushaway (A. Escott), Sandy Hook (T. Leader), Annandale (W. Stott), Windswept (A. Waudby), Duke of Florence (M. Rayson), Laurentum (T. Carey), Royal Toy (F. Brown), Ireland Green (A. Tannock). Off 2.32. (Winner trained by McDougal.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst. Annandale, 4 to 1 Sandy Hook, 7 to 2 Socrates, 10 to 1 each Doldrums, May King, Laurentum, and Windswept; 100 to 7 GLANMORE or any other.

Won by four lengths; a length and a half Laurentum was fourth and Ireland Green last.

3.0—CHORLTON HANDICAP HURDLE of 150 sovs. 2m.

Mr. H. D. Dennis's b. g. GARTLY, by Star and Garter—Bellegarde, 5, 11-6...W. Stott 1
Lady Lindsay's OLD GUARD, a, 11-6 ..... R. Fawcett 2
Sir G. Abercromby's REDAN, a, 11-7 ..... K. Piggott 3

Also ran:—Kilreckle (T. Cullinan), Spring Blossom (J. Richardson), Jacobite (T. Leader), Silent Spirit (A. Waudby), Tib, Duchess of Fife (Phelan), Frost, Row (J. McKay), Squabbler (Sheddan). Off 3.1. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)

Betting—5 to 4 on GARTLY, 6 to 1 agst. Redan, 7 to 1 each Kilreckle and Jacobite, 8 to 1 Silent Spirit, 10 to 1 Spring Blossom, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by six lengths; three lengths. Silent Spirit was fourth and Squabbler last.

3.30—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. W. W. Ashe's br. m. TIRANOGUE, by Jackdaw—Rockley, 11-13...P. Fitzgerald 1
Mrs. M. A. Gemmell's GREGALACH, a, 11-4 ..... T. Leader 2
Lt.-Col. R. Tweedie's KILLADOON, 6, 10-0 ..... Weymes 3

Also ran:—Firecracker (M. Rayson), St. Germaine (D. Ward), The Gosling (A. Birch), Gib (J. Moloney), 'Old 'Ard (A. Waudby), Uncas II. (M. Morogan). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by Owner, at Narraghmore, Co. Kildare.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Gregalach, 5 to 1 St. Germaine, 6 to 1 each TIRANOGUE and Gib, 8 to 1 Firecracker, 10 to 1 Killadoon, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a bad third. 'Old 'Ard was fourth and The Gosling last.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Closing of Races.

Owners and trainers should note that entries close to-day for six races for two-year-olds to be run at the Curragh next season.

Five Horses Fall at Plumpton.

While contesting the Streat Handicap Hurdle at Plumpton yesterday five of the competitors—Toreador, Ballyrag, Pine Bluff, Fortuitous and Immaterial—came to grief. The Stewards inquired into the circumstances of the fall and came to the conclusion that it was a pure accident.

Why Signal Rocket Did Not Run.

Lord Glanely's Signal Rocket had been sent from Newmarket to Manchester to contest the Club Hurdle Race, but he was found cast in his box yesterday morning, and, being very lame, he was unable to run.

Oxford Occasionals on Tour.

Members of the Oxford Occasionals Hockey team who are playing in the International Tournament at the Cologne Stadium, and the Paris Stade Francaise team were given a civic reception on Sunday. The Occasionals drew with Hanover 1-1. Their game against Heidelberg yesterday also resulted in a draw, 2-all.

French XV. Defeat British.

In a Rugby Football match at Paris yesterday a team from the Cote D'Argent beat an East Midlands team by 10 points to 8.

SELECTIONS FOR MANCHESTER MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times.....	Loyal Scot.	Hy Spy.	Knud *	Crockanoir.	Kingsdown.	Sultan of Wicken.
Galtee More.....	—	Swift Rowland.	Gallant Lover.	—	—	St. Germaine.
S. Life & Sportsman..	Jurat.	Swift Rowland.	Knight Bachelor.	Snapper.	Nottingham Pet.*	Sultan of Wicken.
Man on the Spot....	Jurat.	Hy Spy.	Knight Bachelor.	Red Splash.*	Nottingham Pet.	Sultan of Wicken.
Daily Express.....	Twinkler, next best.	Hy Spy.	Cyzara.*	Kilbrain.	Nottingham Pet.	St. Germaine.
Daily Mirror.....	Twinkler.	Curtain Raiser.	Knight Bachelor.	Hereford Lad.	Nottingham Pet.	Sultan of Wicken.
Daily Sketch.....	Grail.	Hands Up.*	Desert Chief.	Rathluck; if ab., Coolcommon.	Tetrapolis; if ab., Nottingham Pet.	Sultan of Wicken.
Star.....	Loyal Scot.	Swift Rowland.	Desert Chief.*	Hereford Lad.	Nottingham Pet.	Sultan of Wicken.
Evening News.....	Loyal Scot.	Swift Rowland.*	Cyzara.	Gay Dog II.*	Nottingham Pet.	St. Germaine.
Evening Standard....	Loyal Scot.	Hy Spy.	Knud.	Rathluck.	Tetrapolis.	Herewith.
The Times.....	Thistabel.	Hy Spy; if ab., Swift Rowland.	Gallant Lover.	Red Splash.	Nottingham Pet.	Sultan of Wicken.

MANCHESTER TO-DAY: PROBABLE STARTERS AND BETTING.

VICTORY HURDLE.

Now that the Victory Steeplechase of yesterday has fallen to an outsider, backers will be keen on "getting their own 'ack" in the Victory Hurdle to-day. The field for this is expected to reach double figures. Coulthwaite will have no fewer than three strings to his bow in Knight Bachelor, Royal Bower and Windermere Laddie. The first-named made a bold attempt to concede weight to White Mountain at Haydock Park, and will here have just the right jockey for him in K. Piggott.

Desert Chief has had a special preparation for the race, but he has nothing in hand of Gallant Lover on their Sandown Park running. In fact, Gallant Lover's chance is by no means negligible, as he has done consistently well this season, and should be right at the top of his form just now.

Cyzara will strip as fit as anything in the field. Knud is a strong and resolute galloper, and ran Brown Jack to a head at a difference of only 4lbs. last season. Cyzara was third on that occasion, and will now be meeting Knud on the same terms, so the latter has every chance to confirm his superiority. There are possibilities about Illustration and Killia, the former in particular, but I am satisfied to give the vote to Knud, and am hopeful that he will prove the best thing of the afternoon.

A TEST OF STAMINA.

The Manchester Handicap Steeplechase will afford an exacting test of stamina, and a couple not likely to fail in this respect are Red Splash and Crockanoir. The latter is not harshly treated, and should give a good account of himself.

There are several with chances in the Broughton Hurdle Race, notably Kingsdown, Nottingham Pet, Residue, and Fawn Way—a group that should furnish the winner. Nottingham Pet will probably run well without, however, beating Kingsdown, who has won in good style the last twice out.

The Canal Steeplechase will not attract a big field. Sultan of Wicken, who started favourite when running second to Maroon Gun at Nottingham, can on that form be made out to have a bright chance here.

Hy Spy beat Gryphon, Sunbronze, and others, so readily at Wolverhampton recently that it will take something smart to lower his colours in the Novices' Steeplechase.

SELECTIONS.

Peel Park Hurdle—**Loyal Scot.**
Novices' Steeplechase—**Hy Spy.**
Victory Hurdle—**Knud** (nap).
Manchester Steeplechase—**Crockanoir.**
Broughton Hurdle—**Kingsdown.**
Canal Steeplechase—**Sultan of Wicken.**
DOUBLE:—**Knud** and **Hy Spy.**

1.0—PEEL PARK SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

RUCENE (Mrs. Bullock)	Bullock	6 11 9
TRUSTY (Mr. Hutton)	Hutton	a 11 9
HIS EXCELLENCY (Mr. Lister)	Owner	a 11 9
JURAN (Mr. Agnew)	Dawson	a 11 9
ANCHORITE (Mr. Morgan)	Owner	a 11 9
FAISE REPORT (Mr. Williams)	Harrison	a 11 9
THAMYRIS (Mr. G. Baxter)	Gunter	a 11 9
LOYAL SCOT (Mrs. Gemmell)	Leader	a 11 9
WISE MOVE (Mrs. Roberts)	Roberts	6 11 2
INGLEWOOD (Mr. Magee)	Bickley	a 11 2
THISTABEL (Mr. Williams)	Rimell	a 11 2
HILTON (Mrs. Parrish)	Bullock	a 11 2
CRAIL (Mrs. Leake)	Burns	a 11 2
GOLDEN BALL (Mr. Lowry)	Dawson	a 11 2
DUNBARRY STAR (Mrs. Scott)	Brabazon	a 11 2
OYSTER MAID (Mr. Sergeant)	Owner	6 11 2
HAT ROCK (Mr. Sharp)	Rimell	a 11 2
FLY BOB (Mr. Thorburn)	Rintoul	a 11 2
INDELIBLE (Mr. White)	Yates	a 11 2
BALLYKINLER (Mrs. Wiggin)	Payne	a 11 2
TWINKLER (Mrs. Houlton)	Bullock	6 11 2
POLANGE (Mr. Boxall)	Henton	5 10 12
LOVELACE (Mr. Dennis)	Barthropp	5 10 12
DREDGER (Mr. Clayton)	Owner	5 11 2
DILLY (Mr. Darling)	Westmorland	4 10 2
KING OF SEAS (Ld. Glanely)	Leader	4 10 2
FLETA (Mr. Hedley)	Boyd	4 10 2
FLYING FLAG (Sir L. Parkinson)	Owner	4 10 2

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.		Betting Forecast.
0 WINGED	E. Davy	100/8
303 JURAT	J. Mason	8/1
304 KINGSFORD	Whelehan	10/1
002 HANDS UP	Cullinan	7/2
000 FORTUNINO		100/8
14 KILCROON	Hamilton	100/8
000 IRELAND GREEN	G. Goswell	100/8
141 SWIFT ROWLAND	T. Leader	3/1
001 HY SPY	Speck	4/1
140 BURNARDO	Waudby	5/1
220 IN THE SOUP	Lyall	6/1
0 BILLY SAVAGE	McNeill	100/8
42 AHMED BEN	K. Piggott	100/8
002 ORBED	Hamilton	100/8
000 JAYS JACKET	Glasier	100/8

2.0—VICTORY HURDLE RACE of 400 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

KNIGHT BACHELOR (Mr. C. Taylor)	Coulthwaite	a 12 5
DESERT CHIEF (Mrs. Beatty)	Leader	a 12 -
CYZARA (Maj. J. Foster)	Renwick	a 11 13
KNUD (Mr. W. H. Thorpe)	Pollock	a 11 8
DARING BOY (Mr. R. Davis)	Woodland	6 11 7
KILLIA (Mr. A. McAlpine)	H. Harrison	5 11 6
GALLANT LOVER (Mrs. H. Armitage)	Hastings	6 11 3
ILLUSTRATION (Mr. Johnstone)	Davey	6 11 0
PRINCE CHERRY (Comdr. Leake)	Burns	5 10 11
ROYAL BOWER (Mr. D. Dickson)	Coulthwaite	a 10 11
WINDERMERE LADDIE (Mr. Bownass)	Coulthwaite	6 10 8
BELL ROCK (Mr. Selincourt)	Armstrong	6 10 7
ATTIRE (Mr. G. Sale)	Laye	5 10 7
OLD GUARD (Lady Lindsay)	Private	a 10 7

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.		Betting Forecast.
022 KNIGHT BACHELOR	K. Piggott	7/2
114 DESERT CHIEF	T. Leader	3/1
301 CYZARA	Fawcett	9/1
110 KNUD	Waudby	6/1
030 KILLIA	Moloney	100/8
324 GALLANT LOVER	F. Rees	3/1
00 ILLUSTRATION	Davey	100/8
000 ROYAL BOWER	Speck	7/1
000 WINDERMERE LADDIE	Graves	100/8
310 BELL ROCK	L. Rees	10/1
000 ATTIRE	W. Gurney	100/8

2.30—MANCHESTER H'CAP STEEPLECHASE of 110 sovs. 3m. Age st. lb. Age st. lb.

MOUNT ETNA (Mr. S. Sanford)	T. Leader	a 12 7
SPRIG (Mrs. M. Partridge)	T. Leader	a 12 6
COOLCOMMON (Mr. F. Barbour)	Purdy	a 11 12
BOVRIL III. (Mr. C. W. Pennington)	Colston	a 11 9
RATHLUCK (Mr. H. A. Brown)	H. A. Brown	a 11 9
RED SPLASH (Maj. E. H. Wyndham)	Withington	a 11 7
STARBOX (Maj. J. B. Walker)	Whitaker	6 11 6
GAY DOG II. (Sir Lindsay Parkinson)	F. Armstrong	a 11 5
BALLYSTOCKART (Capt. R. E. Sassoon)	Martin	a 11 5
CROCKANOIR (Mr. H. S. Henderson)	Sanday	a 11 3
HEREFORD LAD (Mr. W. Vasey)	A. Vasey	a 11 2
WILD SWAN (Mr Dorey)	Rayson	a 11 2
SPORTING TIMES (late Lisworney) (Mr. D. H. Cain)	P. Morgan	a 11 0
PHIBISHER (Mrs. C. B. Robinson)	Peacock	a 10 13
SIR SHAUN (Mrs. Kenneth Mackay)

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS IN 1928.

Last night the final traffic statements for 1928 were issued by the Irish railways. They show the decreases as below, and for comparison we give the final results for 1927 and 1926:—

	1928. +Inc. -Dec. £	1927. +Inc. -Dec. £	1926. +Inc. -Dec. £
Great Southern..	-119,828	+61,210	- 76,036
Great Northern..	- 91,115	- 8,943	-117,892
County Down ...	- 778	- 7,330	- 61,115

The results are far from satisfactory, especially in the case of the Great Southern, where the increase of £61,210 in 1927 now figures as a decrease of £119,828. How far this may be balanced by reduced expenditure will not be known for some weeks. In 1926 expenditure was reduced by £154,000 and in 1927 by £168,140, and, no doubt, expenses have been cut down by as much at least in 1928. But, even with such large savings, last year's dividends could not be maintained without touching upon the balance of the compensation award, which now stands at £141,800. Another draft of £100,000 (the sum appropriated last year) will practically exhaust this beneficial stand by. The Great Northern has suffered even more severely, the decline of £91,115 coming on top of £8,943 in 1927 and £177,892 in 1926. The County Down has succeeded in making quite a good recovery, the loss on the year from traffic being reduced to £778, as compared with the big tumble in 1926 of £61,115. In this case the worst is apparently past.

BELL'S UNITED ASBESTOS.

The shareholders of Bell's United Asbestos Co., Ltd., having confirmed the necessary resolutions, the asbestos amalgamation between Turner and Newall, Limited, and Bell's United Asbestos Co., Ltd., is now accomplished. The group comprises about thirty companies, whose operations extend throughout the whole world and embrace all branches from mining the raw materials to manufacturing and distributing the products.

NEW INVESTMENTS IN 1928.

If we judge the year that has just passed in the light of the broad tests indicative of economic prosperity we cannot escape the conclusion that it has been mainly one of depression (says *The Financial News*). In one respect, however, it must be regarded as more than satisfactory. The amount of new capital that has been invested in public issues on the London market during 1928 is the highest since 1922. The total, £369,058,100, represents an increase of £14,000,000 on the previous year. It constitutes a very solid piece of testimony to the saving power of the country, for, although to some extent the subscriptions have doubtless come from foreign investors, the great bulk of them have undoubtedly been provided from internal resources.

SHIPPING DEAL PENDING.

Rumours have been current recently that Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., were negotiating for the acquisition of the Red Cross Line, whose ships are operated by C. T. Bowring and Co., Ltd. In an interview at Liverpool Sir Frederick Bowring, chairman of the Red Cross Line, said that the deal was quite correct. Negotiations were now going on, but they had not yet been completed. It would be about a month before the agreement was finally settled, "even if it goes through," he added. Sir Frederick Bowring is on the board of Barclays Banks, besides being on the local boards at Liverpool and Manchester. He is also chairman of the Bowring Steamship Company and director of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES.

Figures of new capital issues in 1928 issued yesterday by the Midland Bank show that the total of the year, £362,519,000, constitutes a post-war record, except for the "boom" year of 1920, when the new capital issues amounted to £384,211,000. The total for 1928 was £48,000,000 more than in 1927, and nearly £160,000,000 more than the lowest recent year, namely, 1923. Of the new capital issues those for the United Kingdom reached a total of £219,135,000. Those for other British countries amounted to £78,362,000, and the total of foreign loans was £57,274,000.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

The Southern Railway proposes to increase its powers to issue 5 p.c. Guaranteed Pref. stock from four millions to eight millions.

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

	Last Week. +Inc. or -Dec. £	Total 52 Weeks. +Inc. or -Dec. £
Great Southern.	45,481—2,850	4,112,847—119,828
Great Northern	22,260 —915	1,525,450 —91,115
Co. Down.....	2,572 +61	184,661 —1,778

TRAFFICS.

Metropolitan Railway—Week to December 29, £34,600, increase £2,600; to date, £1,864,000, increase £59,000.

OIL PRODUCTION.

Venezuelan Oil Concessions—Production for the week ended December 29 was 119,170 met. tons; previous week ended December 22, 117,147 met. tons.

RUBBER CROPS FOR DECEMBER.

Yam Seng, 60,000lbs. (37,863lbs.); nine months, 561,396lbs. (385,546lbs.).

BANKS.

THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED.

Bankers to the Imperial Government in South Africa; and to the Governments of Northern, Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, and Tanganyika.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £10,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £8,916,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £2,229,165
RESERVE FUND £2,893,335
UNCALLED CAPITAL £6,687,495
£11,809,995

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The Standard Bank Monthly Review is sent post free on application. It gives the latest information in all South and East African matters of Trade and Commercial interest.

BERTRAM LOWNDES, London Manager.

COMPANY NOTICES.

THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY (of Great Britain and Ireland), LIMITED.

2nd January, 1929.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the "B" Six per Cent. and "C" Ten per Cent. Non-Cumulative Preference Shares of the above Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st January, both days inclusive, for the purpose of the dividend warrants payable on 1st February, 1929.

By Order, R. J. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

BOXERS AND BOXING

By Georges Carpentier

IN TO-DAY'S

Weekly Irish Times

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

CREDIT IN ABUNDANT SUPPLY.

With the turn of the year funds were released yesterday, and in addition there were some large disbursements of interest and dividends amounting to over £40,000,000. As a consequence credit was in abundant supply, and lenders had difficulty in employing their surplus funds. Old day-to-day money was mostly renewed at 3 per cent., while fresh accommodation till to-day was offering down to 2½ per cent. A large sum falling due at the Bank was repaid. Weekly fixtures were continued at 3½ per cent. Owing to the plethora of money seeking employment, bills were in keen demand, especially those of short dates. Februaries were taken at 4⅛ down to 4 per cent., and March bills at 4⅛, while the full three months' rate was weak at 4⅛ per cent. The new Treasuries were changing hands around 4½ per cent., and the Banks were buyers of short Treasuries at 4½ per cent.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21, 1927) 4½%

30 days (fine)	4⅜ %			
3 months	4⅜16%	Trade.....	4½	5 %
4 "	4⅜16%	"	4¾	5 %
6 "	4¾ 4⅜16%	"	5	5⅛%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day			3	2½ %
" for a week				2¾ %
Deposit Allowance; Banks at Call				2¾ %
" " Discount Houses at Call				2½ %
" " at Notice.....				2¾ %

Of about £528,000 of gold from the Cape, only about £100,000 was dealt with in the open market, the balance having already been sold forward, it is understood, to France. Of the £100,000 available, about £35,000 was taken for India and the trade. The Bank of England announced the receipt of foreign gold coin to the value of £18. The net efflux to date is £1,527,172. Business in silver was quite small, prices remaining unchanged at 26½d. for spot, and 26 7-16d. per oz. for forward delivery. Gold was fixed ½d. lower at 84s. 11½d. per fine oz.

Very little alteration occurred in foreign exchange rates, owing to the fact that the principal foreign centres were closed for the New Year holiday. Sterling, as quoted in American dollars, was slightly better at 4.85⅝. There were slight depreciations in the currencies of Switzerland, Spain and Denmark. Italian lire were quoted a little better at 92.63½. Among South American rates, the Uruguayan dollar showed a small improvement at 50⅞d.

	Jan. 1. Closing Rates	Dec. 31. Closing Rate	Par Rate
New York..	4.85¼	4.85 5/16	4.85 5/16 4.86
Montreal ..	4.86 7/16	4.86 7/16	4.86 7/16 4.86
Paris.....	124.00	124⅛	124.00 124.21
Amsterdam	12.07⅞	12.08	12.07⅞ 12.107
Athens	374¼	375¼	374¾ 375
Barcelona..	29.73	29.76	29.74 29.76
Berlin.....	20.38¼	20.38¼	20.38¼ 20.43
Brussels....	34.88	34.89	34.88¼ 34.95
Copenhagen	18.17¾	18.18	18.17½ 18.159
Geneva.....	25.16½	25.19	25.18¾ 25.22½
Helsingfors	192¼	193	192¼ 193.23
Oslo.....	18.19	18.19½	18.19 18.19½ 18.159
Prague	163⅜	163⅝	163⅜ 163⅞ 24.02
Rome.....	92.62	92.65	92.62 92.70
Stockholm	18.12¾	18.13¼	18.12¾ 18.13¼ 18.159
Vienna.....	34.44	34.47	34.44 34.47 34.58
Warsaw	43¾	43⅞	43⅝ 43⅞ 43 58
B. Ayres....	47 9/16	47⅝	47 9/16 47¾ 47.58
Lima 90 days	19⅞ p.c. pm.		19⅞ p.c. pm. par
Mexico	23.85d.		23.85d. 24.58d
Montevideo	50 9/16 d.	51 1/16d.	50 9/16d. 51d. 51d.
Rio de Jan..	5 57-64	5 59-64	5 57-64 5 59-64
Valparaiso	39.64		39.64 40
Calcutta....	1 6 5/16	1 6 5-64	1 6 5-64 1 6 5-64 1 6 5-64 18d
Kobe (yens.)	1/10 3/16	1/10 3/16	1/10 3/16 1/10 3/16 24.58d
Shanghai....	2/7¼	2/7¼	2/7¼ 2/7¼
Singapore...	2/3 7/32	2/3 15/32	2/3 7/32 2/3 15/32 2/4

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ATLAS ASSURANCE.—The Atlas Assurance Company has declared a bonus of 42s. per cent. per annum for the triennium ended December 31, and a special bonus of 18s. per cent. per annum, making a total of 60s. per cent. per annum for the three years. It is added that "it is unlikely that a special bonus, supplemental to the ordinary bonus, will be declared on any future occasion."

BLUEMEL BROS.—Final dividend of 1/6 per share, less tax, on Ord. Shares, making 3/- per share for year, plus a bonus of 1/- per share, less tax, on Ord. Shares, making a total of 3/- per share for year.

LONDON'S MEAT SUPPLIES.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Supplies of meat, poultry, etc., to the London Central Markets, Smithfield, for the twelve months ending December aggregated 470,161 tons, and when compared with the corresponding twelve months of 1927—489,290 tons—show a decrease of 19,129 tons, or 3.9 per cent. The decrease is mainly attributable to short supplies of chilled beef from Argentina, and frozen mutton and lamb from Australia. Of the total supplies British and Irish produce forms 27.7 per cent., Dominion produce 18.8 per cent., Argentine produce 43.7 per cent., and the produce of other foreign countries 9.8 per cent.

BEEF AND VEAL.

Argentina supplied 177,738 tons, or 72.2 per cent. of the quantity marketed; Great Britain and Ireland 43,144 tons, or 17.5 per cent.; the Dominions 6,549 tons, or 3.5 per cent., and other countries 16,650 tons, or 6.8 per cent.

MUTTON AND LAMB.

New Zealand supplied 66,430 tons, or 47.7 per cent. of the quantity marketed; Great Britain and Ireland 35,660 tons, or 25.6 per cent.; Argentina 26,357 tons, or 18.9 per cent.; Australia 6,949 tons, or 5.0 per cent., and other countries 3,949 tons, or 2.8 per cent.

PORK AND BACON.

Great Britain and Ireland supplied 36,638 tons, or 75.8 per cent.; the Dominions 1,724 tons, or 3.6 per cent., and other countries 9,985 tons, or 20.6 per cent.

POULTRY, &c.

Great Britain and Ireland supplied 15,286 tons, or 42.0 per cent. of the poultry, game, etc.; the Dominions 4,515 tons, or 12.4 per cent., and foreign countries 16,607 tons, or 45.6 per cent.

Of the total supplies, beef forms 52.3 per cent., mutton and lamb 29.6 per cent., pork 10.3 per cent., and poultry, game, etc., 7.8 per cent.

IRISH PIG STATISTICS.

Number of pigs bought for curing by Irish bacon curers, and numbers of live pigs exported from Ireland:—

Week Ended	Pigs Bought Alive and Dead. For Curing in Saorstat Eireann.	For Curing in Northern Ireland.	Total Bought for Curing.
Dec. 27, 1928	2,685	1,936	4,621
Dec. 20, 1928	16,519	8,265	24,784
Dec. 13, 1928	21,712	8,593	30,305
Dec. 29, 1927	2,518	2,426	4,944
Dec. 30, 1926	3,590	1,051	4,641

Week Ended	Number of Live Pigs Exported Through Ports in Saorstat Eireann.	Ports in Northern Ireland.	Total Purchased and Exported.
Dec. 27, 1928	2,397	182	7,200
Dec. 20, 1928	9,297	414	54,495
Dec. 13, 1928	7,654	385	33,344
Dec. 29, 1927	1,565	44	6,345
Dec. 30, 1926	2,039	238	6,918

Fifty-two weeks ended (period from beginning of year to date):—

Week Ended	Pigs Bought Alive and Dead. For Curing in Saorstat Eireann.	For Curing in Northern Ireland.	Total Bought for Curing.
Dec. 27, 1928	871,154	393,444	1,264,578
Dec. 29, 1927	706,476	351,016	1,057,492
Dec. 30, 1926	636,576	276,328	914,904

Week Ended	Number of Live Pigs Exported Through Ports in Saorstat Eireann.	Ports in Northern Ireland.	Total Purchased and Exported.
Dec. 27, 1928	279,415	13,634	1,557,647
Dec. 29, 1927	319,380	22,393	1,399,266
Dec. 30, 1926	163,984	15,504	1,094,393

Exports of fresh pork from Saorstat Eireann:—

To	October. 1927. Cwts.	1928. Cwts.	November. 1927. Cwts.	1928. Cwts.
Great Britain ...	15,530	18,931	23,556	26,065
Northern Ireland	24,297	24,906	18,939	20,478
Total	39,827	43,727	42,595	44,493

To	Eleven Months Ended November. 1927. Cwts.	1928. Cwts.
Great Britain	205,157	143,402
Northern Ireland	154,132	171,887
Total	359,289	315,289

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer, at 5 p.m., 30.20.
Wind and Weather—Light westerly winds; fine and clear.

Chartering Arrivals—Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Tuscar, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Slieve Donard, Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; Faunus, from Glasgow, with goods; Lady Patricia, from London, with goods; Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; Ringwall, Whinhill, from Ayr, with coals; Aquilla, Ashfield, from Garston, with coals; Hematite, from Whitehaven, with coals; St. Finian, from Ardrossan, with coals; St. Kenneth, Sard, from Preon, with coals; Fawn, from Barrow, with oil; H.M.S., from Birkenhead, with fuel oil.

TIN OUTPUT.

Bisichi Tin Co. (Nigeria)—December, 30 tons.

BOXING.

I.A.B.A. AFFAIRS.

INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS.

A meeting of the Central Council of the I.A.B.A. was held last night at 74 Dame street. There were present:—General Murphy, President; Dr. Hannigan, Colonel Byrne, Commandant Ennis, Guard J. Healy, and Messrs. J. Whelan and T. Walsh, Secretary.

Reports from Munster and Connaught regarding the provincial championships, which are to be held on January 26 and 27 and February 8 and 9 respectively, were considered satisfactory. Local committees have been formed to deal with these championships.

In connection with the visit of Irish juvenile champions to Liverpool during the present month, a series of contests, to select the team, will be held at Kevin street on January 11. The arrangements for this tournament will be in the hands of the County Dublin Board, who will in future deal with all matters of local interest in the city and county.

WELSH CHAMPIONS' VISIT.

It was decided to fix February 1 as the date for the visit of the Welsh champions.

A reply was received from the Secretary of the A.B.A. stating that the invitations for a visit of a team of British champions on March 16 would come before their next meeting.

An invitation has been received from Bergen, Norway, for a short tour of Irish boxers in the third week in February, but the Council has found it impossible to meet the wishes of the Norwegian body, as the Irish championships have been fixed for February 20, 21 and 22. As they wish, however, to preserve close relations with foreign associations, a later date will probably be suggested.

A letter was received from the Italian Association indicating that something definite is being done regarding the invitation extended for a visit of Italian champions in April.

AN ULSTER COUNCIL.

The formation of an Ulster Council was under consideration, and reports from that province would indicate that amateur boxing is making headway. A tournament has been fixed for Newry on February 1.

A big charity tournament will be held in Dublin on January 13; and the St. James's Gate Club have been granted January 18 as the date for their tournament.

A meeting of the County Dublin Board will be held this evening, at 8 o'clock, at 74 Dame street.

PHIL SCOTT MATCHED.

Phil Scott, the British heavy-weight champion, and Ted Sandwina have been matched for the European heavy-weight championship and stakes amounting to £3,500.

The contest will be one of fifteen three-minute rounds at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Thursday, January 31. Since his return from America a year ago Scott has not engaged in any contest. His last fight was in November, 1927, when he knocked out Monte Munn in New York in ten rounds. Sandwina has a long list of victories, and on Monday he beat Tricoteaux, the Frenchman, in half a round at Premierland.

SHOULD BROTHERS MEET IN A CHAMPIONSHIP?

AN UNUSUAL SITUATION.

The question of whether Eddie and Phineas John, of Rhondda, should contest the final of the Welsh Fly-Weight Boxing Championship will in all probability be discussed at a meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control.

The brothers recently won the eliminating competitions for the title, and have automatically been matched for the championship. Their father, it is stated, has refused to allow the fight to take place. The Welsh Boxing Association is affiliated to the B.B.B.C., and the matter is to be reported by them, the governing body, which will be called upon to make a decision upon this awkward and unusual situation.

Never in history have brothers met in a championship fight. There was an instance a few years ago when the brothers Brown, of St. George's, were approached by a promoter to meet in a contest, but the idea was not entertained, and the younger Brown kept his place in the fly-weight division, while his brother Johnny won the bantam-weight championship, which he held for three years.

MARKET REPORTS.

CATTLE.

LEEDS.—Beasts on offer numbered over 450, prices ranging from 10d. for choice English and Scotch bullocks down to 7d. for rough and bulls. Sheep numbered 2,300. Hoggets made from 1/2½ shearlings from 1/1. Pigs realised 10/- per stone.

SALFORD.—On offer: Beasts 1,034, sheep and lambs 5,399, dairy cows 22. Irish entries included 405 fat cattle, 99 lambs, 22 dairy cows. Fair trade, quotes firm. Best Angus around 10d., best Irish 9½d.; secondary grades 8d. to 8½d. Dairy cows round 74/., small sheep around 1/2, stronger sorts 1/4. Best lambs 1/4, others 1/3; Irish 1/2, ewes 9d. dairy cows £20 to £28 per head.

CAMBRIDGE.—Beasts 155, sheep 417, pigs 852, calves 96. Beef, large to 10/-, small prime to 12/-; mutton 9/- to 10/-; pigs 13/- to 15/-. Limited supply of fat cattle and a sharp trade. Fat calves much dearer. Fat sheep—A large show and better demand at late week. Fat pigs—A very good supply and business brisk.

DONNELLY LIMITED.

PIGS.

Under 4 stone	.....	80/-	per cwt., dead-weight.
" 5 "	.....	84/-	" "
" 6 "	.....	80/-	" "
" 8 "	.....	74/-	" "
" 10 "	.....	73/-	" "
" 13 "	.....	68/-	" "
" 14 "	.....	64/-	" "
" 16 "	.....	60/-	" "
Sows	.....	50/-	" "

1928 LAMBS.

All weights, Choice	...	11½d.	per lb., dressed-weight.
" " Good	...	11 d.	" "
" " Plain	...	10½d.	" "
" " Culls	...	9½d.	" "

—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

DUBLIN GRAIN REPORT.—Practically nothing of a prominent nature passing in grain at the moment. Oats appear to be firmly held by merchants. Canadian feed oats are quoted spot Liverpool at 29/9 per 320lbs.

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Somewhat of a holiday market here, both as regards supplies and business. Irish apples 1/- to 2/-, and selected 2/6 to 3/-; Cox imp. to sale for Barrels. Cabbage very poor; Yorks 12/- to 20/- and 25/- per load, Savoys 10/- to 18/- and 25/-; cauliflowers 2/- to 3/6 and 3/5 per dozen; celery 5/- to 4/6, 3/6 and 6/6 per dozen, beet 1/6 to 2/- per dozen, leeks 1/6 to 2/- per dozen bunches, sprouts 2/6 to 3/9 and 3/6 per doat, etc.; parsley 5d. to 1/- per tray and 2/6 to 3/6 per bag, parsnips 4/6 to 5/6 per bag, swede turnips (on wheel, large loads) 1/3, small 3/6 to 1/9 per cwt., mangolds 1/3 per cwt., potatoes 2/6 per cwt., rhubarb 3d. to 4d. per bundle, forced rhubarb 3/6 to 4/- per dozen bunches.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Potatoes continue to be freely offered. Trade quiet; a good deal of poor stuff about which is difficult to clear. Prime table potatoes 4/8 to 5/-, some extra nice ones 5/6, others 4/- to 4/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Market after Christmas rush continues to be moderately supplied with poultry and everything was readily cleared, values showing a firm trend owing to favourable cold weather. As poulterers' supplies are now being greatly worked off, trade promises again to settle into an encouraging groove in the immediate future. Choice chickens 1/7 to 1/8 per lb., small since 2/- each, fat young hens 2/6 to 3/6 each, others 1/6 to 2/-, young fat ducks 3/- to 4/-, others 1/6 to 2/6 each; fat geese 7d. to 8d. and 9d. per lb., turkeys (best) 1/7 to 1/8 and 1/5 per lb., inferior less; cock pheasants 4/6 to 5/-, hen ditto 3/6 to 4/-, wild duck 1/6 to 1/9 woodcock 1/6, grey plover 6d. to 8d., green 6d. each, rabbits 1/3 to 1/7 each.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—With the exception of Danish butter there is little change to quote over the week, and current values (including the latter at recent reductions) in Dublin trade are generally reckoned firm. Irish butter, both creams and farmers', is at very low ebb in supplies, and markets are practically running on on imported article. Spot supply of Danish is practically cleared, and many dealers want fresh arrivals for execution; price 1/10 to 1/10½ per lb. Irish cream 1/8 to 1/9 and 1/9½ per lb., New Zealand 1/8½ to 1/8½ and 1/9 Australian 1/8 to 1/8½ per lb. Factory and farmers' butter nominal. Offer market at recently reduced prices is now moving in a poor groove, and trade is about par with average. Year season's top price currencies show a drop of 5/- to 6/- per 120 on average. Hen eggs with rather firm undertone now manifest. Selected case arrivals of hen eggs 21/- to 23/- and 23/6, carting selecting 24/- to 25/-, medium 18/- to 20/-, pullets' smalls from 15/6. Cold stored eggs still offering at 14/- and 14/6, and some extra parcels 15/-. Duck eggs have shown no season and wanted around 21/6 to 22/- per 120.

CORK BUTTER.—The market remained unchanged at Creamery 190 to 196s. per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Moderate supplies from country and local sources including 60 boxes herrings, 4 chests lobsters, and 45 boxes of mixed takes from 3 steam trawlers. Good all round sale. Lobsters averaged 6d. to 1/6, 2/- and 2/6 each, according to size, etc.; turbot 10/- to 20/-, brill 9d. to 4/- each, best black soles 30/- to 40/- per lot, medium 20/- to 25/-, slips, etc., 10/- to 12/6 and 15/- per lot, loose plaice 25/- to 30/- per lot, white soles 30/- to 40/-, whiting 30/- to 40/-, inferior from 12/6, codlin 20/- to 70/-, pollock 25/- to 30/-, conger 20/- to 25/- per lot, 15/- to 24/-, garnard 7/6 to 10/-, herrings 6/- to 15/- and 17/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; fair demand. Soles 1s. 3 to 1/6, dabs 1s. 3 to 1s. 6 per lb., live eels 1/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 25/-, turbot 9/- to 12/-, brill 8/- to 10/-, plaice 9/- to 12/-, halibut 1/- to 1/4, lemon soles 1/- to 1/6, whitings 7/- to 10/-, codlings 7/- to 12/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, whiting 5/- to 8/-, skate 8/- to 10/-, plaice 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW (Smithfield).—Holiday market here, and values difficult to accurately quote. Arrivals of hay and straw were moderate, and came to hand in a rather uncertain fashion, and many loads were sent out on previous order by factors.

In Armagh market yesterday pork sold at 70s. per cwt., an increase of 1s. on last week's market.

THE THIRD TEST MATCH.

ENGLISH BATSMEN ON TOP.

BRILLIANT INNINGS BY HAMMOND.

AUSTRALIANS FIELD ALL DAY.

(By Cable.)

MELBOURNE, January 1.

Following up his 251 at Sydney with another century in the Test Match here to-day Hammond showed masterly form, playing steadily when the occasion demanded and hitting hard whenever opportunities occurred. His chanceless exhibition was characterised by strong off-side strokes, and powerful back play, while he often reached the screen with splendid straight drives.

The valuable second wicket stand between him and Sutcliffe, which put on 133 in just under three hours, paved the way for England to make a useful response to Australia's 397, but Sutcliffe scarcely played up to his English form, seeming uncertain of himself.

Opinions differed as to Chapman's policy in changing the order of the batting, for the very hot weather militated against quick scoring, and it would probably have been better to send in Jardine after Sutcliffe's dismissal to tire out the Australian attack, while Hammond kept the other end going. This idea was borne out, as the bowling was especially skilful between the lunch and tea intervals, Blackie being difficult to score off, while the other bowlers were very steady. Chapman, however, said during the tea interval that he had changed the order with the idea of putting on runs quickly, as he was afraid that rain was coming on.

KEEN AUSTRALIAN FIELDING.

Ryder was hardly wise in not keeping Blackie on at the same end after tea, both A'Beckett and Oxenham meeting with punishment. Hammond tamed the bowling down, thus making Jardine's task of playing himself in much easier.

Australia bore their long outing in the sweltering conditions splendidly. Richardson, standing close in, fielded brilliantly, while Bradman in the long field sprinted after the ball at a great pace from start to close.

Thanks chiefly to Hammond's splendid exhibition England finished up the day in an excellent position, being within 85 of Australia's total with six wickets in hand.

The official attendance figures were 31,465, and the receipts £2,653.

When play was resumed the weather was dull and oppressive, with a hot wind blowing. With the score at 41 for 1 Sutcliffe (15) and Hammond (12) proceeded with England's innings, Grimmett and A'Beckett opening the attack at opposite ends to which they had bowled yesterday.

SUTCLIFFE IN DIFFICULTIES.

The 50 was hoisted when the innings had lasted an hour and twenty-one minutes. The batting was skilful, Hammond being particularly strong on the off-side, but Sutcliffe was beaten more than once. On one occasion Hammond placed Grimmett beautifully to the on for 4 (all run).

Hammond completed his 50 in just under an hour and three-quarters with a sharply run single, and in the same over the Gloucestershire player stepped back and cut Blackie, who had replaced Grimmett, through cover for the first boundary hit of the day, this stroke sending up the century in two hours and twenty minutes.

At this point 53 runs had been added in an hour and a quarter, and at the luncheon interval the total was 125 for one.

STEADY SCORING.

Sutcliffe and Hammond had respectively increased their scores to 44 and 61.

Restarting, Grimmett and A'Beckett shared the bowling, and the partnership hundred was hoisted in two hours and ten minutes. Sutcliffe, with a smick to the boundary, reached his 50 in ten minutes under three hours, and the cricket again became very slow. The 150 was registered in three hours and thirteen minutes. A bowling change was resorted to, and with the total at 161 Sutcliffe, in playing a half-cock stroke off Blackie, missed the ball, and was clean bowled for 58, which included three 4's.

The Yorkshireman, in three hours and thirty-four minutes, was often in trouble, and his display was well below his best. Chapman went in next and brightened up the game with some powerful drives to the off and a good square drive, but after sending up the 200 in exactly four hours he was beaten and bowled by a fine ball from Blackie for a vigorous 24, the third wicket going at 201.

HAMMOND'S HUNDRED.

Hammond, who was within one of his century, was joined by Hendren, who started somewhat uncertainly, and Hammond was nearly bowled by Hendry. The Gloucestershire player remained for nearly twenty minutes on the 99 mark, but after Graham had been put on for Hendry at 204 he completed a flawless century in three hours and forty-two minutes, and at the tea interval he had scored 105 and Hendren 10, the total standing at 215 for three.

During the adjournment the Englishmen unanimously expressed the opinion that the bowling after lunch was of very high quality, and that the fielding when Hammond's score stood so long at 99 was the best of the innings. Every man was on the tip of his toes, and Blackie, in addition to his fine length and break, was making the ball lift.

A BRILLIANT CATCH BY A'BECKETT.

A nice southerly breeze had sprung up, and it was much cooler when play was resumed. Hammond scored three glorious 4's off Hendry, but soon afterwards Hendren made a powerful hook off Hendry, and A'Beckett, standing at forward short leg, brought off a splendid catch.

Jardine came out to partner Hammond at 244. The batting was now high class, both men driving superbly and keeping the ball low. Hammond hit a dozen runs in one over from Oxenham, who had gone on for A'Beckett, and with runs still coming freely Ryder put Blackie on for Grimmett at 275, and went on himself at the opposite end at 281.

Hammond completed his 150 in just under four hours and three-quarters, and then the batsmen, with a view to playing out time without further loss, became very steady.

THE THIRD CENTURY.

The third century was signalled in five and three-quarter hours, and despite a double change the score continued to advance slowly. In the last over of the day a strong appeal for leg before wicket against Hammond was disallowed, and the close was reached with the total at 312 for 4—Hammond 169, Jardine 21.

Hammond batted altogether five hours and twenty-seven minutes, and on retiring he was accorded a great ovation. His partnership with Jardine for the fifth wicket produced 74 runs in an hour and twenty-five minutes.

(For to-day's play and scores, see page 7.)

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES.

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LAWN TENNIS.

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT.

PARIS, January 1.

In the final of the Men's Doubles in the Christmas lawn tennis tournament H. Cochet and R. de Buzelet beat the brothers Borotra—4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

COURSING.

BANDON.

Judge—Mr. J. J. Rea. Slipper—E. J. Redmond.

TRIAL STAKES—For 16 puppies.

Mr. M. Tobin's New Mill Pride beat Mr. P. O'Donovan's Farran Lad.

Mr. J. Hennessy's Speculation beat Mr. W. Magner's Merry Falcon.

Mr. R. Kelly's Rebel Fire beat Miss B. O'Connell's Open Child.

Mr. T. Kingston's Lord Tom beat Mr. M. O'Sullivan's Rare Bud.

Miss F. Cronin's Funny Courtship beat Mr. M. Walsh's Gorey's Gift.

Mr. T. Curtis's Oh Hay beat Mr. P. Cummins's Sago Lily.

Mr. Russell's Paradoxical, a bye; Mr. D. McDowell's Tullykin Lass, absent.

Mr. A. Walsh's Sugar Scoffer beat Mr. J. O'Regan's Rafterstown Light.

Second Round—Speculation beat New Mill Pride; Rebel Fire beat Lord Tom; Funny Courtship beat Oh Hay; Sugar Scoffer beat Paradoxical.

Third Round—Rebel Fire beat Speculation; Sugar Scoffer beat Funny Courtship.

Final—Sugar Scoffer declared the winner, Rebel Fire, drawn.

CASTLE BERNARD STAKES—For 8 all-ages.

Mr. T. Cullinane's Always Fighting beat Mr. E. Woods's Kinda Again.

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Second Round—Always Fighting beat Bonny Glen; Top Gaffer beat Cheerful Caw.

Final—Always Fighting beat Top Gaffer.

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Mr. J. S. Harte's Syntasis beat Mr. T. Collins's Flying Park.

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Third Round—Cheerful Choice beat Oxford Down

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